

ANNO. XXVI.

HENRICI
VIII.

ACTES MADE IN THE
session of this present parlia-
ment holden vpon prorogacion at
Westm̄, the. III. daie of Nouēber,
in the. XXVI. yere of the reigne
of our moste d̄ad soueraine lorde
kynge HENRY the. VIII. and
there continued and kepte till
the. XVIII. daie of Decem-
ber nexte ensuyng.

To the honoz
of god,
and
for the common weale and
profite of this
realme.

THO. BERTHELET
EXCVDEBAT.
CVM PRIVILEGIO.

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An acte concernyng the kynges highnes to be supzeme head of the churche of Englande, and to haue auctozitie to refozme and redzesse all errours, heresies, and abuses in the same. Cap. i.



Be it the kynges maiestie iustely and rightefully is and oweth to be the supzeme head of the churche of Englande, and so is recognised by the clergie of this realme in their Conuoracions, yet neuerthelesse for corroboration & confirmation therof, and for encrease of vertue in Christis religion within this realme of England, and to repressse and extirpe al errours, heresies, & other enozmittees and abuses heretofore vbled in the same: Be it enacted by auctozitie of this present parliament, that the king our soueraigne lord, his heires and successours, kynges of this realme, shall be taken accepted and reputed the onely supzeme head in erthe of the churche of Englande, called Anglicana Ecclesia, And shall haue and enioy annexed and vnited to the imperiall crowne of this realme, as well the title and stile therof, as al honours, dignities, preeminences, iurisdiccions, priuileges, auctozities, immunities, profites, and commodities to the saide dignitie of supzeme head of the same churche belongyng and apperteinyng. And that our saide soueraigne lord his heires and successours kynges of this realme, shall haue full power and auctozitie from time to time, to visite, repressse, redzesse, refozme, order, correcte, restraine, & amende all suche errours, heresies, abuses, offences, contemptis, and enozmittees, what so euer thei be, which by any maner spirituall auctozitie or iurisdiction ought or maie lawfully be refozmed, repressed, ordered, redressed, corrected, restrained, or amended, most to the pleasure of almighty god, the encrease of vertue in Christis religion, and for the conseruacion of the pece, vnitie, and tranquillitie of this realme, any vsage, custom, forein lawes, forein auctozitie, prescription, or any other thing or thinges, to the contrarie hereof notwithstanding.

Supreme
head of
the church
of Englad

Errours,

Heresies,

An acte ratifieng the othe that euery of the kynges subiectes hath taken, and shall hereafter be bounde to take for due obseruacion of the acte made for the suretie of the succession of the kynges highnes in the crowne of the realme. Cap. ii.



Here at the last session of this present parliament, in the acte than made for the establisshement of the Succession of the heires of the kynges highnes in the imperial crowne of this realme, It is contained amonges other thinges, that all and singuler the kynges subiectes, as well the nobles spirituall and tempozall, as other, shoulde make and take a corpozall othe, whan so euer it shulde please the kynges maiestie, or his heires, to appoint, that thei shulde truely, firmly, and constantely, without fraude or

Othe.

gyle, obserue, fulfil, mainteine, defende and kepe to their counnyng wit and vttermost of their powers, the hole effectes and cōtentes of the said act, as in the same act amōges other thinges moze plainely appereth. And at the daie of the last prorogacion of this present parliamēt, as well the nobles spiritual and tempozall, as other the cōmons of this present parliament than assembled in the high house of the parliament, most louingly accepted & toke such othe as then was deuised in wryting for maintenance and defence of the said act, and ment and entended at that time, that euery other the kynges subiectes shuld be bounde to accept and take the same, vpon the peines contained in the said acte. The tenour of whiche othe hereafter ensueth.

Ere shall sweare to beare faith, truth, and obedience all onely to the kynges maiestie, and to his heires of his body of his most dere and entierly beloued laful wife Queene Anne begotten & to be begottē. And further to the heires of our said soueraine lord, according to the limitation in the statute made for suretie of his succession in the crowne of this realme mencioned and contained, and not to any other within this realme, nor forēine auctoritie or potentate. And in case any othe be made or hath be made by you to any personne or personnes, that then ye to repute the same as vaine and adnichilate. And that to your counnyng, witte, and vttermost of your power, without gyle, fraude, or other vndewe meane, ye shall obserue, kepe, mainteine, and defende the said acte of succession, and al the hole effectes & contentes therof, and all other actes and statutes made in confirmation, or for execution of the same, or of any thing therein contained. And this ye shall do against all maner of persones, of what estate dignitie degree or condicion so euer thei be. And in no wise do or attempte, nor to your power suffre to be done or attempted directely or indirectely any thyng or thynges priuely or appertly, to the let, hynderaunce, damage, or derogacion therof, or of any parte of the same, by any maner of meanes, or for any maner of pretence, so helpe you god, all sainctes, and the holy Euangelistes.

And for as muche as it is conuenient for the sure maintenaunce and defence of the same acte, that the said othe shulde not only be auctorised by auctoritie of parliament, but also be interpret and expounded by the hole assent of this present parliament, that it was mente and entended by the kynges maiestie, the lordes and cōmons of the parliament, at the said daie of the said last prorogacion, that euery subiect shulde be bounden to take the same othe according to the tenour and effecte therof, vpon the peines and penalties contained in the saide acte. Therfore be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliamēt, that the said othe aboue reherfed, shalbe interprete expounded, reputed, accepted, and adiuged the very othe, that the kynges highnes, the lordes spiritual & tempozal, and the cōmons of this present parliamēt mente & intended, that euery subiecte of this realme shuld be obliged, and bounden to take and accept for maintenance and defence of the same acte, vpon the peines contained in the saide acte. And that euery of the kynges subiectes, vpon the saide peines shall be obliged to accepte and take the saide othe.

And

And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that the commissioners that hereafter shall be appointed to receiue suche othe of the kynges subiectes, or two of theim at the least, shall haue power and auctoritie to certifie into the kynges benche by writynge, vnder their seales, euery refusell that hereafter shalbe made afoze them of the same othe by any person or persones commynge afoze them, to take the same othe. And that euery suche certificat to be made by suche commissioners, as is aforesaide, shall bee taken as stronge and as auailable in the lawe, as an inditement of .xii. men lawfully founden of the laide refusell. So that the persone and persones, agaynst whome any suche certificate shalbe made, shalbe compelled to answer therevnto, as if they were indited. And that suche processe, iugement, execucion, & euery other thynge shalbe had, vsed, & ministred of and vpon euery suche certificat against the offendours, as if they had ben lawfully indited of suche offences by the due cours and order of the common lawes of this realme.

An acte concernynge the payment of firste frutes of all dignities, benefices, and promotions spiritual, and also concernynge one annuel pencion of the .x. parte of al the possessions of the church spiritual & temporall, graunted to the kynges highnes & his heires. ca. iii.



Or as muche as it is and of very duetie ought to be the naturall inclination of all good people, lyke moste faithfull louynge, and obediante subiectes, sincerely and willyngely to desyre to prouyde, not onely for the publyke weale of their native countreie, but also for the supportacion maintenaunce and defence of the royall estatute of their most drad benigne and gracious sauerain lord, vpon whom and in whom dependeth all their ioie and welthe: in whom also is vnited and knitte so princely a harte and courage, mixed with mercy wysedome and iustice, And also a naturall affection ioyned to the same, as by the great inestimable and beneuolent argumentes therof beinge moste bountifully largely and many tymes shewed, ministred, and approued towarde his louyng and obedient subiectes, hath well appered: whiche requireth a lyke correspondencie of gratitude to bee considered, accordynge to their most bounden dueties. Wherfore his laide humble and obedient subiectes, as well the lordes spirituall and temporall, as the commons in this present parliament assembled, callynge to theyr remembraunce, not onely the manyfolde and innumerable benefites, dailely administred by his highnesse of them all, and to the residue to all other his subiectes of this realme: But also howe longe tyme his maiestie hath most victoriously, by his high wysedome and policie, protected, defended, and gouerned this his realme, & maintained his people and subiectes of the same in tranquillitie, peace, vntee quietnes and welth. And also considerynge what great excessiue and inestimable charges his highnes hath heretofore bene at and susteined by the space of fve and twentie hole yeres, and also dailely susteineth for the main-
tenaunce

tenance tuicion and defence of this his realme, and his lounge subiectes of the same, whiche can not be susteyned and bozne without some honourable prouision and remedy may be made founde prouided and ordeined for maintenance therof: Do therfore desire and most humbly praye, that for the more suretie of continuance & augmentation of his highnesse royall estate, being not onely nowe recognised (as he alwaies in dede heretofore hath ben) the only supreme head in earth nexte and immediately vnder god of the church of Englande, but also they most assured and vndouted naturall soueraine liege lord and kynge, hauinge the hole gouernaunce tuicion defence and maintenaunce of this his realme and mozte lounge obedient subiectes of the same. It may therfore be ordeined and enacted by his highnesse, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, in maner and fourme folowynge.

First fruites.

¶ That is to saie, that the kynges hyghnesse, his heires and successours kinges of this Realme, shall haue and enioye from tyme to tyme to endure for euer, of euery suche personne and personnes, whiche at any tyme after the firste daie of Januarie nexte commynge shall be nominated elected preferred presented collated or by any other meanes appointed to haue any Archebischopriche, Bischopriche, Abbacie, Monastarie, Priorie, College, Hospitall, Archedeaconry, Deanry, Prouostshippe, Prebende, Parsonage, vicarage, Chauntie, Freechapell, or other dignitie benefice office or promotion spirituall within this realme, or elles where within any of the kynges Dominions, of what name nature or qualitie so euer they be, or to whose foundation patronage or gyftes so euer they belonge, the first fruites, reuenues and profittes for one yere of euery suche archebischopriche bishopriche abbacy monastarie priorie college hospitall, archedeaconry, deanry, prouostship, prebende personage vicarage chaunterie free chappell, or other dignitie benefice office or promotion spirituall afoze named, wherunto any suche persone or persones shall after the saide firste daie of Januarie be nominated, elected, preferred, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed. And that euery suche person and personnes, before any actual or reall possession, or medlynge with the profites of any suche archebischopriche, bishopriche, abbacy monastarie college hospitall deanry prouostshipp prebende, personage, vicarage, chauntie, freechapell, priorie, or other dignitie benefice office or promotion spirituall, shall satisfie content and paie, or compounde or agree to paie to the kynges vse at reasonable daies, vpon good sureties, the saide first fruites and profites for one yere.

Chancellours of Englande.
Maister of the Rolles

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritee afozelsaide, that the Chauncellour of Englande and maister of the Rolles for the tyme beyng, iointely and seuerally, or suche other persone and persones, as shall please the kynges hyghnesse, his heires or successours from tyme to tyme, at his or theyr pleasure, to name and depute by commission or commissions vnder the greatte seale, shall haue power and auctoritie as well to examine and serche for the iuste and true value of the saide first fruites and profites by all waies and meanes

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meanes that they can, as to compounde and agree for the rate of the saide firste fruites and p[ro]fit[es], as to itall and limite reasonable daies of pay-
ment therof vpon good and sufficient suretie or sureties, by writynges obly-
gatorie by theyr discretions. And if composicion or agreement be had or made
for the saide firste fruites before the saide lord Chauncellour or maister of the
Rolles, that than the writynges obligatorie or money taken for the same,
shall rest remaine and abide in the hanaper of the kynges chauncerie, there
safely to be kepte to the kynges vse, and the money to be due of suche wry-
tinges obligatorie, or to be receiued in hande by reason of any suche com-
posicion, shall be payde in the saide hanaper, to the clerke of the hanaper for
the time beyng. And that the saide clerke of the hanaper shall make a trewe
and a iust accompte therof lyke as he is bounde to do of the money receiued
of the p[ro]fittes of the kynges great seale. And if composicion or agreement
be had or made for the saide first fruites, afore any other persone or persones
to be deputed by the kynges highnes, his heires or successours by commis-
sion vnder his great seale, that then the writynges obligatorie and money
taken for the same, shall be deliuered to the treasurer of the kynges moste
honourable chaumber for the tyme beyng, or elles where, to whom it shall
please the kynges highnes his heires or successours to giue auctoritie by co-
mission vnder the great seale, to receiue the same.

Hanaper

Clerke of
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Treasu-
rer of the
kynges
chaumber,

And it is also ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that euery
writynge of acquitaunce subscribed with the hande and name of the clerke
of the hanaper, and treasurer of the chaumber or other commissioners afore
sayde, or any of them, witnessyng the receipte of the sayde firste fruites or any
parte therof, shall be as good and effectuell againste the kynges highnesse,
his heires and successours, to euery person and persons, hauynge the same
for so muche money as shall bee mencioned to be receiued and contened in
euery such acquitaunce, as if suche acquitaunce were or had ben lawefully
had and opteined in the kynges name vnder the kynges great seale, and so
shall be admitted accepted and allowed and taken in euery of the kynges
courtes. And that all writynges obligatorie to be taken for payment of the
saide firste fruites by and afore the saide lord Chauncellour, or mayster of the
Rolles, or by and afore any other persone or persones to be deputed to com-
pounde and agree for the saide firste fruites, as is aforesaide, shall be of the
same strength force vertue qualitie and effecte to all intentes and purposes
as writynges obligatorie heretofore made by any lay person by auctoritie
of the statute of the Staple ben. And that vpon certificat hereafter to be
made in to the kynges chauncerye of any suche writynges obligatorie to be
taken for paymente of suche firste fruites, like processe and execucion shall
be therupon made and had against any person spirituall or tempozall, as
hath ben accustomed to be made agaynst any lay person vpon certificat of
writynges obligatorie of the saide statute of the Staple. And that no person
shalbe compelled to pay for any writyng obligatorie to be made for the sayd
payment of the sayde firste fruites aboue . viii . s . nor for any acquitaunce
to be

to be made for receipte of suche firste frutes aboue .iiii. s. And that suche person and persons as shal bee deputed by the kynges highnesse by commission vnder the great seale, to compounde and agre for the saide first frutes, shall at the ende of euery .vi. monethes nexte after the date of their commission and so from .vi. monethes to .vi. monethes, deliuer or cause to be deliuered vnto the treasurer of the chambze, for the time beyng, or els where, to suche commissioners as shall be appointed, as is aforesaide, to receiue the same, as well all suche money as all suche specialties and bondes, as they shall haue taken for the paiement of the saide firste frutes by indenture to be made betwene them and the saide treasurer, or other commissioners, as is aforesaide, conteynge the certaintie and nombze of the sommes of money, and specialties and bondes by them taken and receiued. And if any person or persons, to whom any deputation shall be made by commission, to compound and agree for the payment of the saide firste frutes, their heires, executors, or administratours, concele or inbecill any of the saide specialties or bondes, taken for the sure payment of the said first frutes, and do not deliuer them accordynge to the tenour of this acte, that then euery suche offender shall forfeite that office of deputation, and ouer that make fine and raunsome at the kynges owne pleasure and wyl.

Intimition

And it was also enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons whiche at any time after the saide firste daie of Januarie, shall bee nominated, elected, preferred, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed to any of the dignities, offices, benefices, or other promotions spirituall before mencioned, do entre into the actuall and reall possessions thereof, or meddell with the profittes therof, before they shall haue truly satisfied and payde to the kynges vse the firste frutes and profites therof for one yere, or els shall haue agreed or compounded for payment of the same at reasonable daies vpon good sureties, in maner and fourme as by this acte is aboue especified: that than euery suche person and persones, so doyng and offendynge, and beyng therof conuicte by presentment, verдите, confession, or wytnes before the saide lord Chaunceloure, or suche other as shall haue auctoritie by commission to compounde for the said first frutes and profites as is aforesaid, shall be accepted and taken an entrewder vpon the kynges possession. And that they theyr executors or administratours, shall paie to the vse of the kynges highnes for euery suche offence, so muche summes of money, as shall amounte to the double value of the saide firste frutes and profites of suche dignities benefices or other spirituall promotions, wherein they shall so entre and entrewde before the paiement of the saide firste frutes and profites for one yere thereof, or before due agremente made for the same, in maner and fourme as is aboue reherfed.

Bishop of
Norwiche

And be it further enacted by auctoritee aforesaide, that the firste frutes of benefices heretofore accustomed to bee payde to the bishop of Norwiche within the dioces, and to the archdeacon of Richemunde within his archdeanry, or to any other persone or persons within this realme, or any other the

the kynges dominions, shall from the said first daie of Januarie cesse and be extinct, and no lenger be paide, but onely to the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, in suche fourme, as is aboue mencioned in this acte.

Provided alwaies, that archebischoppes and bischoppes, and all other haupng iurisdiction ordinary, maie giue and deliuer letters of institution and induction, as thei might do befoze the makynge of this acte, without any offence of any article contained in this acte: any thing in this acte contained to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

Letters of
Institution

Provided also, that where there be diuers celles apperteinyng to monasteries & priories, and that the priours of such celles be named and remouable from time to time, at the only willes & pleasures of their maisters and souveraines of the monasteries and priories, wherunto such celles belonge, that the priours of suche celles, shall not be compelled to paie any first frutes, by vertue or auctoritie of this acte: any thing in this acte contained to the contrary therof notwithstanding: but that the first frutes and profittes of euery such cell shall be paid to the kynges highnes, his heires and successours whan so euer & as often as any person shall be nominated, elected, pfected, or colated to the monasterie or priorie, wherunto suche celles belongen.

Celles.

And ouer this be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the kynges maiestie, his heires and successours kynges of this realme, for more augmentation and maintainance of the roiall estate of his imperiall crowne and dignitie of supreme head of the churche of England, shall verely haue take and enioye, and receiue united & knitte to his imperiall crowne for euer, one verely rent or pension, amountyng to the value of the tenth parte of all the reuenues, rentes, fermes, tithes offerynges, emolumentes, and of all other profittes, as well called spirituall as temporall, now apperteinyng or belongyng, or that hereafter shall belonge to any archebischopriche, bischopriche, abbacie, monasterie, priorie, archedeaconrie, deaconrie, hospitall, college, house collegiate, prebende, cathedrall churche, collegiate churche, conuentuall churche, personage, vicarage, chauntrye, free chapell, or other benefice or promotion spirituall, of what name, nature, or qualitie so euer thei be, within any dioces of this realme or in wales, the said pension or annuell rent, to be verely paide for euer to our saide soueraine lord, to his heires and successours kynges of this realme, at the feast of the Natiuite of our lord god, and the first paiement therof to begyn at the feast of the Natiuite of our lord god, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god, M.D.cxxv. And to be paide verely by suche as shall be appointed to haue the collection therof by this acte, in suche maner and fourme as shall hereafter be limited by this acte, befoze the first daie of Aprill verely nexte folowyng, after the saide feast of the Natiuite of our lord.

Pension,
Tenth.

And it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the saide verely rent and pension shall be taxed, rated, leuied, perceiued, and paid to the kynges vse, his heires and successours, in maner and fourme hereafter to be declared by this acte. That is to saie, that the Chauncellour of Eng-
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lande for the time being, shall haue power & auctoritie to directe in to euery dioces in this realme and in wales, seuerall commissions in the kynges name vnder his great seale, as well to the archebischop or bisshop of euery suche dioces, as to suche other persone or persones, as the kynges highnes shall name and appoint, commaundyng and auctorysying the said commissioners for to be named in euery suche commission, or thre of them at the least, to examine serche and enquire by all the waies and meanes that thei can by their discrecions, of and for the true and iuste, hole and entier yerely values of all the manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, rentes, tithes, offerynges emolumentes, and all other profites, as well spirituall as temporall, apperteynyng or belonging to any archebischopriche bisshopriche, abbacie, monasterie, priorie, archedeaconry, deanry, hospitall, college, house collegiat, prebende, cathedral church, collegiate church, conuentuall church, personage, vicarage, chauntrye, free chapell, or to any other benefice or promotion spirituall within the limittes of their commission, with a clause to be contained in euery suche commission, that the saide commissioners, or thre of them at the least, shall deducte and allowe in the makynge and ratyng of the saide yerely values of the premisses, these deductions folowynge and none other: That is to saie, the rentes resolute to the chiefe lordes, and all other annuell and perpetuall rentes and charges, which any spirituall person or persones ben bounden yerely to paie to any person or persones, to their heires or successours for ever, or to gyue yerely in almes by reason of any foundacion or ordinaunce, and all fees for stewardes receiuers, bailliffes, and auditours, and sinodes, and priories, with an other clause to be also contained in euery such commission, that the said commissioners, or thre of them at the least, shall certifie vnder their seales at suche daies, as shall be limited by the said commissions, as well the hole and entiere value, as the deductions afore saide of euery archebischopriche, bisshopriche, abbacie, monasterie, priorie, archedeaconry, deanry, hospitall, college, house collegiate, prebend, cathedral church, collegiate church, conuentuall church, personage, vicarage, chaunterie, free chapell, and of all other benefices and promotions spirituall.

¶ And it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie afore said, that the said commissioners, that shall be so appointed, or thre of them at the least, shall haue full power and auctoritie to do, accomplishe, and execute the effectes and contentes of their said commissions in euery behalfe: And that euery the said commissioners, before thei shall execute their saide commission, shall receiue and take a corporall othe before the lord Chauncellour, or before such other as shall be appointed by the saide Chauncellour, by the kynges writte of *Dedimus potestatem*, that thei shall diligently & truely without fauour affection fraude couyn mede drede or corrupcion, do fulfil & execute the hole effectes and contentes expessed in euery suche commission within the limittes therof, to their cunnyng wittes and bittermost of their powers.

¶ And it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie afore saide, that after suche Certificate made by the saide commissioners, the saide yerely rent and pension

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tion of the tenth parte shall be sette taxed rated and taken iustly and truly and indifferently by the Treasorer, Chauncellour, Chamberlayne, and Barons of the kynges Eschequire, of and out of the clere verely value of the premisses, that shall be aboue the deductions afoze mencioned, and none otherwise. And that euery archebischopriche, bisshopriche, abbacie, monasterie, priorie, archedeaconrie, deanrie, hospitall, college, house collegiate, prebende, cathedrall churche, collegiate churche, conuentuall churche, personage, vicarage, chauntrye, free chapell, or other benefice or promocion spirituall, shalbe seuerally and distinctly taxed charged and chargeable in the propre dioces where thei bene, for the paiement of suche porcion of the said tenth parte, as shall be taxed and sette vpon them by auctoritie of this act. That is to saie, euery of them by and for them selves, shall be taxed, charged, and chargeable in the propre dioces, where thei ben, for the tenth part of the verely value of their possessions and profites to them belongynge, where so euer their said possessions and profites shall happen to be or lye in any part of this realme, or els where, in any the kynges dominions, and that none of them shall be charged or chargeable for the paiement of the others charge or porcion.

And it is also enacted by auctoritie afozesaide, that after suche certificat made into the kynges Eschequire, and tax sette of the tenth parte, in forme aboue remembred, euery archebischop and bisshop now beinge, and that hereafter shall be charged and chargeable, to leuy, collecte, & receiue within their propre dioces, as well in places exempte, as not exempt, all suche summes of money, wherewith the dignitees, benefices, and other promocions spirituall afoze mencioned within their dioces, chargeable by this acte, shall be sette taxed and charged towardes the payment of the saide verely pension, and shall paie and content the saide summes of money verely, befoze the said first daie of Aprill, to the Treasorer of the kynges chambze, for the time being, or to any other persone or persons, whom it shall please the kynges highnes to appoint to receiue the same. And that euery of the said archebishops and bisshops, their executours and administratours, and the possessions of their dignitees and churches, shall stande charged and chargeable for the sure and true paiement of such summes of money, as thei shall collecte and receiue of the saide verely rent and pension.

And that the Treasorer, Chauncellour, Chamberlain, and Barons of the kynges eschequire, shall verely cause proces to be made by their discrecions for none paiement of the saide pension or verely rent, or any parcell therof, against euery archbischop and bisshop of this realme, that is to saie, against euery archebischop and bisshop, for so muche parte and porcion of the saide pension and verely rent, wherewith the dignitees, benefices, and other promocions spirituall afoze mencioned within his dioces, shall be taxed and charged, so that euery of the saide archebishops and bisshops, shall be charged & chargeable for the rate and porcion of the said verely rent and pension, sette and taxed within his owne peculiar dioces, and none otherwise.

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¶ A N D be it also enacted by auctoritee aforesaide, that euery archebysshop and bysshop, shall haue power and auctoritee to leuie take and perceiue by auctoritee of censures of the churche, or by distresse, or otherwise by their discrecion, all suche summes of money as shall be rated taxed and set to go out of the landes tenementes hereditamentes pofites and emolumentes of any dignitee, office, benefice, or other place or promotion spirituall within their dioces, towardes the paiement of the saide yerely rent and pension, and that no repleuin prohibition nor Supersedeas vpon any excommunication, nor any other writte or impediment shall be sued allowed or obeyed for any person or persons, making default of paiement of such part and porcion, as thei shalbe rated and taxed vnto by auctoritie of this acte, till suche time as thei haue truely satisfied their said parte and porcion to them allotted of the said yerely rent and pension.

¶ A N D it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that when so euet and as often as any of the archebysshopiches or bishshopiches happen to be boide, that then the deane and chapiter of the cathedrall churche, or the priour and conuent, or chapiter, or conuent of the monastery or cathedrall churche, where the See of suche archebysshopiche or bishshopiche, being boide, shall happen to be, durynge the time of the vacacion therof, and their executours administratours and possessions shall be charged and chargeable to do and cause to be done all and euery thyng and thynges for the due execucions of this acte, within the dioces of suche archebysshopiche or bishshopiche being boide, as the same archebysshop or bishshop of the See being boide, shulde haue done, accordyng as it is limited and appointed by this acte, or by any thyng therein contained.

¶ A N D it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if any summe of money being ones due by any incumbent of any of the dignitees, benefices, or promotions spirituall afore specified, charged to the paiement of the saide yerely pension and annuell rent, be reasonably demaunded and required any time after the saide feast of the Natiuitie of our lord, at their dignities, monasteries, priories, hospitals, colleges, churches, chanteries, or houses by the archebysshop or bishshop, or suche as shalbe charged with the collection of any parte of the saide pension, or by any other their ministers seruautes or officers, to paie suche porcion of the saide pension and yerely rent, as thei shalbe taxed and assessed, be not truely content and paid vnto suche archebysshop or bishshop, or their ministers and officers, or to suche other person or persons, or their ministers, or seruautes, as shall haue the charge of collection therof, euery yere yerely at the time of suche request and demaunde therof, or els within forty daies nexte after euery suche requeste at the furthest, that then euery incumbent, makynge suche defaute of paiement, after suche defaute therof certified into the kynges eschequire in writtyng vnder the seales of any archebysshop or bishshop, or of suche as be limited & charged to the collection of the said pension by this acte, shalbe adiudged depriued Ipso facto, of all such dignities, benefices, pensions, and promotions

cions spiritual, as any suche incumbent makynge suche defaulte, shall have at the tyme of suche certificate to be made, or at any tyme after. So that all suche dignities, benefices, pension, and promotions spiritual, which any incumbent makynge suche defaulte of paiement, shall have at the tyme of any suche Certificate to be made, or at any tyme after, shall be clerely voided & destitute of incumbent in the lawe to all intentes and purposes, as if suche incumbent makynge suche defaulte of paiement, were deade in dede.

¶ And it is ordeined and enacted, by auctoritie aforesaide, that if any archebischoppe or bishop, or any other limited and charged by this acte, to the collection and paiement of the saide pension and annuall rente, doo make a Certificate into the kynges eschequire, before the saide firste date of April, or at any tyme within foure and twenty daies nexte after the saide firste date of April, that thei accordyng to this acte, have reasonably required and demaunded any incumbent of any dignitie, benefice, or promotion spiritual, chargeable by this acte to paie suche parte and porcion of the saide pension and annuall rente, as thei shall happen to be assessed vnto, and that suche incumbent, so being required, hath not paide his saide parte and porcion, accordyng to the fourme and effecte of this acte, that then every suche archebischoppe and bishoppe and every other personne, havyng the charge by this acte, for collection and paiement of the saide pension and annuall rente, vpon every suche Certificate, shall be discharged and acquitted for ever against the kyng, his heires, and successours, of and for all suche sommes of moneie, as any suche incumbent, against whom suche Certificate shall be made, shulde or ought to have paide by this acte: And that then in every suche case the Treasorer, Chauncellour, Chaumberlaine, and Barons of the kynges Eschequire, shall devise and directe vpon every suche Certificate, suche processe out of the kynges Eschequire, against every suche incumbent, agaynst whom any suche Certificate, shall be made and their executours and administratours, or for insufficiencye of them, agaynst the successours of every suche incumbent, whereby the kynges highnes, his heires and successours shall and maie be truly answered paide and contented of suche porcion and parte as the incumbent, agaynst whom any suche Certificate shall be made, was taxed, and assessed for his dignities, benefices, or promotions spiritual, chargeably by this acte.

¶ And it is also ordeined and enacted, by auctoritie aforesaide, that all maner of acquitances made by the treasorer of the kynges chaumbre, or by any other suche commissioners, as shall be appointed, as is aforesaide, to receiue the saide pension, or any parte therof, and subscribed with the name of the saide Treasorer, or any other suche commissioner for the paiement of the saide pension or annuall rente, or any parte therof, to any suche personne or personnes as be limited and charged with the collection therof, shall be of as good strengthe force vertue and effecte to the parties, havyng the same, as if thei were made in the kynges name vnder his great

Certificate

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seale, & so shall be allowed, admitted, & accepted in al courtes of this realme: And that the treasurer, chancellor, chamberlaine, and barons of the kynges Eschequer, shall by vertue and auctoritie of this acte, as well admit and allowe suche acquitances, as all such Certificates as shall be made agaynst any incumbent for defaute of paymente, as is aboue sayde, vppon the accompte of euery archebischop and bisshop, and of euery other persone limited and charged by this acte, for the collection and payement of the sayde pension and annuell rente, without any writte byll or warrante to be sued in or for that behalfe. And that no maner of officer of the kynges Eschequer shall take of any archebischop or bisshop, or of any other person, hauyng charge with the collection and paiement of the saide pension or annuell rent, any maner rewarde or thyng for makynge their accompte or Quietus est in the same eschequire, or for any maner of thyng apperteynyng to the same concernyng the saide pension and annuell rente, vppon peine of euery officer doynge contrary to this acte, to lose and forfeite his office, and make fine to the kyng at his will and pleasure.

Office of
eschequer,

And for as muche as euery incumbent of the dignities benefices and promotions spirituall afoze mencioned, shall be charged by this acte to the paiement of the .x. parte of the value of theyr dignities benefices and promotions spirituall, withoute any deduction or allowance of suche pension or pensions, wherewith some of them ben charged to paie theyr predecessours, durynge theyr lyues, or to other personnes to the vse of suche theyr predecessours durynge their lyues, it is therfore ordeigned and enacted by auctoritie afoze saide, that it shall be lafull to euery incumbente, charged with any suche pension, paieable to any his predecessours, or to and to his vse, to reteine and kepe in his hande the tenth parte of euery suche pension: And that euery suche incumbente and his sureties, shall from henceforth bee acquyted and discharged of the saide tenth parte of euery suche pension, by vertue and auctoritie of this present acte, any decree or dinance or assignement of any suche ordinarie, or any colaterall writyng or suretie made for suche pension to any spirituall persone or personnes, or to any to theyr vles for terme of theyr lyues, in any wyse not withstandynge. And that as well euery incumbent as suche persones as stande bounden for hym, for payment of any suche pensions, shall pleade this acte in euery of the kynges courtes, for the clere extinguishmente and discharge of the .x. parte of euery suche pension.

Incumbent,

Resignas
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AND BE IT ALSO ORDEYNED AND enacted by auctoritie afoze sayde, that no pension shall hereafter bee assigned by the ordinarie, or by any other maner of agremente by collaterall suretie, or other wise, vpon any resignation of any dignitie benefice or promotion spirituall, aboue the value of the thyrde parte of the dignitie, benefice, or promotion spirituall resigned: And if any pension, amowntynge aboue the value of the thyrde parte of the dignitie benefice or promotion spirituall heretofore resigned, be all redie limited and made sure to any spirituall person or per-

or personnes, by Decree of the ordinarie, or other wise by any collaterall suretie, or here after shall happen to be assigned and made sure to any personne or personnes spirituall, or to any other to their vse, by Decree of the ordinarie, or by any other collaterall suretie, vpon any resignation therof, yet notwithstanding the incumbent charged with suche pension, nor his sureties collaterall, shall not be compelled to paie any more pension than the value of the thirde parte of his dignitie, benefice, or promotion spirituall, so resigned shall mounte vnto: but shall, by auctoritie of this acte, be clerely acquitted and discharged of so muche of the saide pension, as shall amounte aboue the value of the thirde parte of the dignitie or benefice resigned: any Decree or assignement of the ordinarie, or any collaterall writings or sureties heretofore made or hereafter to be had or made for the same, to the contrary therof not withstanding.

And for as muche as diuers abbottes & priours ben charged to paie gret pensions to sondry their predecessours yet liuing, to the great decay of their hospitalities and house keepyng: Be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that euery suche predecessour of suche abbottes or priours, hauyng any pension made sure vnto them, or to any to their vse duryng their liues, amountyng aboue the yerely value of .xl. li. shall from henceforth be defalked and abated of the moitie and halfe Deale of euery suche pension. And that euery abbote and all other persons charged for the paiement of suche pension, aboue the said yerely value of .xl. li. shall be clerely acquitted and discharged by auctoritie of this acte of the moitie and halfe dele therof for euer. Any Decree or assignement therof by the ordinarie, or any writing or suretie collaterall had or made for the suretie therof notwithstanding.

And for as muche as the lorde priour of saint Iohns of Iherusalem in Englande, and his bretherne be not specially named and expessed in this acte, wherby ambiguitie mought arise, whether thei shulde be comprised within the limittes of this acte, It is therfore for plaine declaracion therof enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that euery personne and personnes, whiche after the saide first daie of Januarie, shall happen to be nominated, elected, collated, or by any other meanes appointed to the dignitie of the saide priour of saint Iohns of Iherusalem in Englande, or to any commaundy apperteynyng vnto the same, shall before their actuall and real entre into the same dignitie or commaundy, or medlynge with the profittes therof, satisfie, and paie to the vse of the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, the firste frutes and profites therof for one hole yere, or agree or compounde for the same at reasonable daies, in like maner and forme, and vpon like peine in euery behalfe, as archebischoppes and bischoppes, and other spirituall persons ben bounde to, by vertue and auctoritie of this acte. And that also the priour of saint Iohns nowe being, and his successours, and euery of his bretherne, hauyng any commaundy, and their successours, shall contribute, and paie yerely to the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, one yerely rente and pension amounting to the tenth part of all their

possessions and profitas well spirituall as temporall: And shall be charged, rated, taxed, and set to the contribution and paiement of the saide tenth parte. And that also the said tenth parte shall be leued, collected, and paid in suche like maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as the tenth parte of other dignities and benefices spirituall shall be charged, taxed, set, leued, collected, and paid by auctoritie of this acte.

Deane.
Prouoste.

¶ And for as muche as in sondry and many cathedrall churches, colleges, and hospitalles of this realme, there is and time out of mynde hath ben certaine ordinaunces instituted and made, wherby the Deane, Prouoste, maister or other chiefe gouernour of suche churches, colleges, and hospitalles hath a certaine parte and porcion of the possessions and profitas belonging to suche churches, colleges, and hospitalles, all onely limited and belongynge to their offices and dignities: And euery prebendarie, brother, vicare, felowe, petie canon, and other ministers spirituall in suche churches, colleges, and hospitalles, hath an other porcion, all onely and distinctely limited, apperteyning and belongynge to their dignities and offices in suche churches, hospitalles, and colleges: It is therfore prouided and ordeined by auctoritie aforesaide, that suche person and persons, whiche at any time after the saide firste daie of Januarie shall be nominated, elected, presented, preferred, collated, or by other meanes appointed to be Deane, Prouoste, maister, or other chiefe gouernour of suche cathedrall churches, colleges, or hospitalles, shall be rated compounde and paie for their firste fruites, but onely after the rate of the yerely valewe of the possessions and profitas, limited and belongynge to their office and dignitie. And that euery other person and persons, that after the saide first daie of Januarie shall be nominated, elected, presented, preferred, collated, or by any other meanes appointed to haue any prebende, brothership, felowship, or to be any vicare or petie canon, or to haue any other dignitie or office spirituall in any suche cathedrall churches, colleges, or hospitalles, shall be rated compounde and paie for their first fruites after the rate of the yerely valewe of the possessions and profitas limited and belongynge to their dignities and offices in suche churches, colleges, and hospitalles, and none otherwise. Any thyng in this acte to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Prebende.

personage
vicarage.

¶ PROVIDED alwaies, that suche person or persons, that after the saide first daie of Januarie, shall be presented and collated to any personage or vicarage, wherof the yerely value shall not excede eight markes, shall not be compelled to paie any firste fruites for any suche personage or vicarage, where vnto thei shall be presented or collated, not being aboue the saide yerely value of eight markes: Excepte that the incumbente presented or collated to suche personage or vicarage, wherof the yerely value shall not excede eight markes, do liue thre yeres nexte and immediately folowynge after his institution, induction, or collacion, to suche personage or vicarage. And if suche incumbent do liue after the saide thre yeres, then

then he or his executours or administratours shall paie at daies to be lympytted after the sayde yerres vpon sureties (as is aforesaid) the firste frutes of euery suche personage and vicarage. And that in euery obligation to be made by any incumbent of suche personage or vicarage, and his suerties for payment of the fyrste frutes of suche personage or vicarage, there shall be contened a prouiso, that if the saide incumbent die within .iii. yerres next after the date of the institucion, induction, or collacion of the saide personage or vicarage, that then the obligation shall be voide and of none effecte. Any thyng in this acte to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Obligatio

AND OVER this where the clergie of the prouince of Caunterburie in their conuocation haue graunted vnto the kynges hyghnesse one hundred thousande poundes, and the clergie of the pouince of yorke. xviii. thousande, eighte hundred, fortie. li. x. d. to bee paid by euen porcions in five yerres, and that whiche coulde not be leuied therof in the same. v. yerres, to be paid in the sixt yere, as by the tenour of their seuerall grauntes, therof made in theyr seuerall conuocations, moze plainly appereth: It may please the kynges maiestie, of his excellent goodnesse, in consideracion that the said yerely pension and annuell rente shall be yerely from henceforth dewly payed and satisfied to his highnesse, and to his heires and successours, accor dyng to the tenour fourme purpote and effecte of this presente acte, that it may be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliamente, that the clergie of the sayde prouince of Caunterbury, and euery of theim, shall be discharged and acquitted againste our saide soueraigne lorde, his heires, and successours of and for the .xx. M. li. parcell of the saide. C. M. li. whiche shulde bee paid in the. v. yere of payment limitted by their graunte: And that the clergie of the said prouince of yorke shal likewise be discharged and acquitted of and for all suche sommes of money, parcell of the saide. xviii. M. DCCC. xl. li. x. d. whiche shulde be paid in the. v. yere of payment limitted by theyr graunt: any thyng in their saide seuerall grauntes therof made in any wyse not withstanding.

PROVIDED ALVVAYES, that all the residue of sommes of money, whiche be yet to be paid, and not released nor discharged by this acte, shall be trewly paid and satisfied to our saide soueraigne lorde, his heires or successours, accor dyng to the tenour, fourme, and effecte of theyr saide seuerall grauntes.

PROVIDED also, that all suche fees, whiche any archebysshop byshop abbot priour or other prelate of the churche is bounden yerely to paie to any Chauncellour, maister of the Rolles, Justices, Shiriffes, or other officers or ministers of recoorde, for tempozall iustice to be done or ministred within theyr dioces or iurisdiccions, shall be allowed and deducted by the commissioners afoze saide, in and vpon the valuacion of the dignities monasteries priories or churches chargeable with suche fees: Any thyng in this acte to the contrarie hereof not withstanding.

Fees.

An acte for punishment of perjurie of Jurours in the lordeshypps marchers in Wales. cap. iiii.

Jurours.



Here for lacke of dyligent and sure custodie of Jurours sworne for trials of murders, felons, and accessaries of felonies and murders in Wales, and the marches of the same, dyuers adherentes frendes and kynskolkes to suche offenders haue resorted to the same iurours, and haue suborned them to acquite dyuers murderers felons and accessaries,

Inquest.

openly and notoriously known, contrary to equitie and iustice: It is therefore enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parlamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that forthwith vpon the charge gyuen to any inquest hereafter to be taken & sworne before any Iusticiar, Stewarde, Lieutenante, or other officer within Wales or the marches of the same, of for and vppon any traueise againste the kynge, or the tryall of any recognysaunce broken, or any other forfaiture forfeited to the kynge, or of for and vppon the triall of any murderer felone or accessarye of felony or murder, one officer or other personne shall bee deputed and sworne in the presence of the sayd iusticiar or other officer for the trewe and diligent keepynge of the same iurours: And that the same officers or other personne so sworne, without the speciall commaundement of the saide iusticiar or other officer, shall not do or suffre to be ministred to the same iurours any breadde drinke or meate, fire or lighte, nor shall suffre the same Jurours to speake to any person or persones, nor the same officer or other person sworne, without the commaundement aforesaide, shall not speake to the saide iurours, but only to demaunde of them of theyr agreement, vnto suche time as the same iurours shall haue giuen their verдите, any vsage or custome heretofore vled to the contrary not withstandynge: And if the same officer or other personne so sworne in forme aforesaide, do not execute and accomplishe the premisses in the othe before reherfed in euery pointe and article, than the same officer or other person so sworne shall be punished and imprisoned, and make fine and raunsome to the kynges highnesse by the discrecion of the sayde Iusticiar, Stewarde, Lieutenante, or other officer.

Accord.

And also be it enacted by thaurtoritie aforesaide, that if the same iurours do acquite any suche felone, murderer, or accessary, vpon whose triall they shalbe charged, or gyue any vnttrue verдите against the kynge, vpon the triall of any traueise recognysaunce or other forfaiture, contrary to good and pregaunte euidence ministred to them by persones sworne before the saide Iusticiar, Stewarde, Lieutenante, or other officer, or that the said iurours or any of them do eate drinke or speake to or with any other person or persons, then to suche as be sworne with them, or otherwise misdemeane them selves after they be sworne, and before they haue gyuen theyr verдите, that then the lord presidente, and other of the counsaile of the marches for the tyme

Lord ptesident and counsaile of the marches.

time beyng, vpon notice or complaint therof to them made, shall not onely haue power and auctoritie by this present acte to call such iurours befoze them, but also the same Justiciar, Stewarde, or other officer, afoze whom any suche acquittall, vntrewe verdit, or misdemeanour shall happen to be made, shall haue full power and auctoritie to compell suche iurours and euery of them vpon peine of imprisonment to be bounden by recognisaunce in a certayne summe of money, by theyr discrecion to be limited, that the same iurours and euery of them shall personally appere at a certayne date, by the same Justiciar, Stewarde, or other officer to bee limited befoze the lord president, and other of the counsaile aforesaide, for the tyme beyng: then and there to abide and stande to such direction and ordre, as the same counsaile shall make ordeine and decree of in and vpon the same. And that the same counsaile shall therupon haue auctoritie and power by examinacion or otherwise, to here and determine all and euery suche cause, and shall haue like auctoritie to committe euery of the same iurours to prison, or other punishment, as shall be thought mooste mete by the discrecion of the saide counsaile, or otherwise assesse or take euery suche iurour to his fyne or ransom by the same discrecion, to be paied and leuied of theyr landes goodes and cattalles to the vse of the kynges highnes.

Recogni-
sance.

CAn acte that keepers of ferries on the water of Seuerne shall not conuey in their ferie botes any maner of person goodes or cattalles after the son goynge downe, tyll the son be vp. ca. v.



or as muche as dayly diuers felonies, robberies, and murders ben many tymes committed and done in the counties of Glouc and Somerset, in the parties nexte adioynnyng vnto the water, called the water of Seuerne betwene Englande and Southwales, and after suche murders and felonies done, the saide robbers felons and murderers, with the saide goodes so robbed and stolen, make their conueyaunce with the saide goodes so stolen, by night at dyuers passages or ferries ouer the saide ryuer or water, as the passages of Auste, Fremelande, Wynton, Arlyngham, Rowenham, Portsedes, Boynte, and all such other lyke passages ouer the saide ryuer into Southwales, or in to the focest, called the focest of Dene, also adioynnyng to the same water. And whan they be ouer the saide water, than the goodes so stolen be by dyuers priuileges there kepte, all be it the owner and owners haue trewe and persyte knowledge therof, yet they so robbed and spoyled bee withoute remedie for to obtaine their saide goodes so stolen, and so that the secreete and lodeine conueiaunce by nyght of the saide goodes ouer the sayde ferries and passages dothe not onely greatly encourage dyuers personnes to come out of the parties of Southwales to steale robbe and murder dyuerse persons

Seuerne.
Ferrybotes

Passage.

Forest of
Deane,

Justices of
peace,

Feries,

long in their houses in the saide counties ioyninge, vpon the saide borders of wales, but also causeth many robberies and felonies in sondry wayes to be committed and done vpon the saide border nere adioynynge to the same ryuer, to the great damage and hurte of the kynges subiectes, inhabytyng there, onelesse some remedy therfore be prouided. It may therfore please the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same to enacte, that euery person or persons, takynge vpon hym or them to haue and kepe any of the sayde passages, or any other passages vpon Seuerne aforesaide, from hensforth do not conuey nother cary with any maner barge, bote, or other vessell, any persone or personnes with horses, mares, oxen, kye, or any other cattall, nor no other person or persons before the tyme of the sonne rysynge in the mornynge, and after the tyme of the sonne beyng gone downe at nyghte, vpon payne of imprisonment and fyne to sette on hym that shall so conueygh or cary ouer any of the sayde passages of the saide ryuer of Seuerne out of Englande in to wales, or the forest of Dene, or out of wales, or the saide foreste of Dene into Englande, oneles thesaide passangers and euery of theim haue good knowledg of suche persone and personnes, and of theyr dwelling places, and vpon request to theim made by any person or personnes to disclose the name and the dwelling place of euery suche person or persons, so by them conueyed ouer the saide water, to any such person or persons requirynge the same, if suite be made for and after them vpon any outcrie, hute, or freshe suite of or for any felonie, robberie, murder, and manslaughter, committed and done from hensforth. And that the kynges Justiciars of peace within euery the saide counties of Glouc and Somercet, at theyr quarter sessions, shall haue full power and auctoritie to call before them all suche persons, whiche here after shall kepe any of the saide passages, or any other fery or passage ouer the saide water into wales, or the saide forest, or out of wales or the sayde forest into Englande, and to bynde them with sufficient sureties with them in recognisance, in suche summes of money as it shall seme to the discretion of the saide Justiciars of peace, that they and euery of them beyng passangers and keepers of feries and passages, as is aforesaide, from hensforth shall not after the said times before limited and appoynted, conueie or cary, or cause to be conueied or caried any maner of person or personnes, or any kynde of cattall, but suche persones as they do knowe and wyl answer for, and knowe where theyr abydynge, dwellinges, and habytacions be, and vpon request made to them or any of them, as is aboue saide, shall from tyme to tyme disclose, as well the same person or persons, as the goodes and cattalles so passynge the saide passages vpon freshe suite made or hereafter to be made vpon any felonie, murder, or robberie committed and done in the borders of the counties aforesaide, or in any other place within this realme, or Sothwales.

An acte

ends here

An acte that murders and felonies done or committed within any lordship marcher in wales shall be enquired of, at the sessions holden within the shire groundes nexte adioynnyng, with many good orders for ministracion of Justice there to be had. Cap. vi.



Or as muche as the people of wales, and the marches of the same, not dzeding the good and holsome lawes and statutes of this realme, haue of long time cōtinued and perseuered in perpetracion and comission of diuers & manyfolde thestes, murders, rebellions, wilfull burnyng of houses, & other scelerous dedes & abhominable malefactis, to the high displea-
sure of god, inquietacion of the kynges well disposed subiectes, and distur-
baunce of the publike weale, which malefactis & scelerous dedes be so rooted
& fixed in the same people, that thei be not like to ceasse, onelesse some sharpe
correction and punisshement for redresse and amputacion of the premisses
be prouided, according to the demerites of the offendours. Be it therfore
enacted by the kyng our soueraine lord, and the lordes spirituall and tem-
porall, and the commons in this parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of
the same, that all and singular person and persons, dwelling or resyaunte
within wales, or in the lordshippes marchers of the same, from time to time
and at all times hereafter, vpon suche monicion or warnyng giuen for the
court to be kepte in wales, or in any of the lordshippes marches aforesaide
as be fore this time hath ben vsed, shall personally repaire, resorte, and ap-
pere before the Justice, Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or other officer at all and
euery sessions, court and courtes to be holden before the same Justice, Ste-
warde, or other officer in any what so euer castell, fortresse, or other place
within wales, or within the precinct limittes and iurisdiccions of euery of
the lordships marchers or seignories aforesaid, or the marches of the same,
as by the saide Justice, Stewarde, or other officer shall be appointed: And
than and there shall giue his or their personall attendaunce, to do, execute,
and accomplishe all and euery thyng and thynges, whiche to hym or them
shall affere and appertaine, vpon peine of suche fines forfaitures and amer-
ciamentes, as shall be affered, assessed, and taxed by the Justice, Stewarde,
or other officer to the kynges vse, if it be within any of the kynges lordship-
pes marchers. And if it be within any other lordshippes marches, then to the
vse of the lord of the saide lordship marcher, for the time being: The saide
forfaitures and amerciamentes to be leuiued perceiued and taken by waie of
distresse of the goodes & cattalles of euery person not apperyng at the saide
court or courtes, or not doyng, executyng, or accomplishyng his dutie, as is
aboue saide.

Wales.

Lordship
Marches.

And for as muche as the officers in the lordshippes marchers in wales,
haue ofte and sundry times heretofore vnlawfully exacted the kynges sub-
iectes within suche lordshippes, where they haue had rule or auctoritie,
by

Duties.

Commissioners of the marches.

Sessions.

by many and sundrie waies and meanes, and also committed them to streight Duresse and imprisonment, for small and lighte fained causes, and extorciously compelled them therby to paie vnto them fines for their redempciōs, contrary to the lawe. Therfore be it further enacted, that if any Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or any other officer of any lordeship marcher, do faine, procure or imagyn any vnttrue surmise against any personne or persones, that shall so giue their personall attendaunce before them at suche court or courtes, and vpon the same vnttrue surmise committe them to any Duresse or imprisonment, contrarie to the lawe, or contrarie to the true and laudable custome of that lordeshippe: that then vpon suite made vnto the kynges commissioners or counseile of the marches, for the time being, by any suche person or persons so imprisoned, or by any of their frendes, that then the same commissioners or counseile, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to sende for suche Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or officer, and also for the person or persons so imprisoned. And if the same person or persons so imprisoned, can evidently proue before the saide counseile, by good and substanciall witnes, or otherwise, that his imprisonment was vpon any feined surmise, without cause reasonable or lawfull, that then the same commissioners shall haue full power and auctoritie to asseesse the saide officer to paie to the saide person or persons wrongfully imprisoned. vi. s. viii. d. for euery daie of their imprisonment, or more, by the discrecions of the saide commissioners, according to the hurtles and behauioure of the personne or persons imprisoned.

And that the same commissioners shall set further fine vpon the saide officer to be paide to the kynges vse, as by their discrecions shall be thought conuenient. And in case the same officers do refuse to appere before the same commissioners incontinent after any commaundement to them directed and deliuered, after any suche complainte made to the same commissioners, that then the same commissioners shall haue full power and auctoritie vpon euery defaulte made by any officer or officers, to asseesse and sette vpon euery suche officer or officers makynge defaulte, suche fine or fines, to be leuied to the kynges vse, as by their discrecions shall be thoughte conuenient. And that the same commissioners shall haue full power and auctoritie to compell the said officer or officers by waie of imprisonment, as well to paie suche fine as shall be set and taxed vpon them to the kynges vse, as to paie vnto euery person or persons so imprisoned suche summes of money, as thei shall be celled to paie for their wronge imprisonment.

And also be it enacted by auctoritie afoze saide, that no person or persons dwelling or resiaunt within wales or the lordeshippes marchers of the same, of what estate degree or condicion so euer he or thei be of, commynge, resortynge, or repairynge vnto any sessions or courte, to be holden within wales, or any lordeshippes marches of the same, shall brynge or beare, or cause to be brought or bozne to the same sessions or courte, or to any place within the distaunce of two miles from the same sessions or courte, nor to any towne, churche, faire, market, or other congregacion, excepte it be vpon a hute

a hute, or outcrie, made of any felonie, robbery done or perpetrated, nor in
 the high waies in assaie of the kynges peace, or the kynges liege people,
 any bill, longe bowe, crossbowe, handgon, swerde, staffe, dagger, halberde,
 morespoke, speare, or any other maner of weapon, pryncie coote, or armoure
 defensive, vpon paine of forfeiture of the same weapon, pryncie coote, or ar-
 mour, and to suffre imprisonment, and make fine and ransom to the kyn-
 ges highnes by the discrecion of the kynges commissioners of his marches
 for the time being, excepte it be by the commaundement licence or assent of
 the saide Justices Stewarde or other officer, or of the commissioners or coun-
 sell of the marches for the time being. And that no person nor persons from
 henceforthe, without licence of the saide commissioners in writyng, shall
 within wales or marches of the same, or in any shires adioynyng to the
 same, require procure gather or leue any Commonthe, Bydalle, tenantes
 ale, or other collection or exaction of goodes cattalles money, or any other
 thyng, vnder coloure of marienage or sufferinge of their childred sayyng or
 singyng their firste masses or gospelles of any priestes or clerkes, or for
 redemption of any murder or any other felonie, or for any other maner of
 cause, by what name or names so euer thei shall be called, nor shall make
 or procure to be made, any games of connyng, wrestelinge, leapyng, or any
 other games, the game of shotyng onely excepted and forprised, vpon paine
 of one hole yerres imprisonment of euery persone or persones, as shall gather
 or procure to be gathered, any suche collection or exaction, or shall make or
 procure to be made any games, as is afoze saide. And further thei and
 euery of them shall make suche fine, as by the discrecion of the kynges com-
 missioners of his marches, shall be thoughte conuenient. And further the
 saide commissioners, by this present acte, shall haue power and auctoritie,
 to here and determine the saide offences by their examinacion. And that no
 personne or personnes, shall hereafter at any time caste any thyng in to any
 courte within wales, or in the lordshippes marchers of the same, by the
 meane or name of an Arthel, by reason wherof the courte maie be letted, di-
 sturbed, or discontinued for that time, vpon paine of one hole yerres impri-
 sonment of any suche person or persons, as shall cast or cause to be cast any
 suche Arthell in to any court or courtes hereafter to be holden within wales
 or the lordships marchers of the same. Any custome before this time vsed to
 the contrary notwithstanding.

And that all sessions and courtes hereafter to be holden within wales,
 or the lordshippes marchers of the same, shall be kepte within the most su-
 rest and peasible place within the same lordshippe marcher, where the saide
 Justice Stewarde or other officer shall appointe, and for the punishment
 and spedy trials as well of the counterfeiteres of any coyne currant within
 this realme, wesshinge, clippinge, or minishinge of the same, as of all and
 singuler felonies, murders, wilfull burnyngs of houses, manslaughteres,
 robberies, burgularies, rapes, and accessaries of the same, and other offen-
 ces, feloniously done perpetrated and committed, or hereafter to be done, per-
 petra-

Weepon.
 Armour.

Commonthe,
 &c. in wales.

Games.

Arthell.

Justices
of Gaole
deliuerie &
of peace.

And that
all such
counterfaitours,
wallhers,
clippers of money,
felons,
murderers,
and accessaries
to the same,
to be indicted
according to the
lawes of this
lande, in like
maner and
fourme, as if
the same petie
treasons, mur-
ders, felonies,
and accessaries
to the same,
had ben don
committed or
perpetrated
within any of
the saide shires,
within the saide
realme: and also
to here determine
and iudge the
same, according
to the lawes of
the realme.

Barre.

Justices
of peace.

Outlaw-
rie,

petrated & committed within any lordship marcher of wales: Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the Justices of the Gaole deliuerie, and of the peace and euery of them, for the time being in the shire or shires of Englande, where the kinges writte runneth, nexte adioynnyng to the same lordship marcher, or other place in wales, where such counterfaiting, walling, clipping, or minishing of any coyne currant within this realme, or murder hath ben or hereafter shall be committed or done, or where any other felonies or accessaries shall be hereafter committed perpetrated or done, shall haue from henceforth full power and auctoritie, at their sessions and Gaole deliuerie, to enquire by verdicte of twelue men of the same shire or shires, nexte adioynnyng within Englande, where the kynges writte runneth, there to cause all suche counterfaitours, wallhers, clippers of money, felons, murderers, and accessaries to the same, to be indicted according to the lawes of this lande, in like maner and fourme, as if the same petie treasons, murders, felonies, and accessaries to the same, had ben don committed or perpetrated within any of the saide shires, within the saide realme: and also to here determine and iudge the same, according to the lawes of the realme. And that all foreine pleas, pleaded by any of the saide malefactours, and offenders, shall be tried and determined in the saide shire or shires: and that the acquittall or fine makynge for any of the causes aforesaide, in any of the lordshippes marches, shall be no barre for any personne or personnes being indicted in the saide shire or shires, within two yerres nexte after any such murder or felonie done.

And further it is enacted, that the saide Justices of peace and Gaole deliuerie, and euery of them, shall haue full power and auctoritie to awarde all maner of proces, as well of outlawry as otherwise, against all and euery such offender and offenders, so indicted in maner and fourme and accordyng to the customes and lawes vsed and accustomed within this realme of Englande. And that the saide Justices, or two of them, aforesaid whom any such offender shall happen to be outlawed or attainted by outlagarie, shall immediately vpon the same vtlagarie or atteinder, directe and sende vnto the kynges officers of his lordshippes marchers, or to their deputies, or vnto the lord or lordes marchers of the same lordshippe marcher, or to his or their officer or officers, or to their deputies, wherin such offence murder or felonie shall happen to be done, or where any such offender, murderer, or felone, shall happen to be resyaunte, a Certificate vnder the seales of them, or two of them, of any such outlagarie or atteinder, commaundyng them and euery of them by the same, vnder peine of forfaiture of a hundred pound to the king, to be leuiued & perceiued, as well of the goodes cattalles landes and tenementes of the same lord or lordes marchers, as of the good and cattals land and tenementes of the kynges officer there, to apprehende and attache, or cause to be apprehended and attached the bodie or bodies of the same offender or offenders, so outlawed or attainted, and safely to kepe or cause to be kepte the same offender or offenders, till such convenient time

ends here

time before the next sessions of the kynges Justices of his gaole delyue-
rie, of the shire, where such offendour or offendours shall happen to be out-
lawed or atteinted, as to the kynges officers of his lordeshippes marchers,
or to their deputies, or vnto the lord marcher or lordes marchers of the same
lordeshippe marcher, or to his or their officer or officers, or their deputies,
where suche offendour or offendours shall be apprehended attached detey-
ned and kepte, shall be thoughte expediente for the conueyaunce and con-
ductynge of the same offendour or offendours, in maner and fourme folo-
wynge to be delyuered from the kynges officers or theyr deputies, or the
lord marcher or the lordes marchers, or his or theyr officer or officers, to o-
ther persons assigned by this acte to receyue and conuey suche offendour or
offendours, by indenture to be made betwene the deliuerour or deliuerours,
and the receiuer or the receyuours: That is to saie, that the kynges offi-
cers of his lordeshipp marcher or their deputies, or the lord or lordes mar-
chers of the lordeshipp marcher, or his or theyr officer or officers, or theyr de-
puties, where such offendour or offendours shall be apprehended attached
detyned and kepte, shall saufely and surely conducte and conuey, or cause
to be conducted and conueied the same offendour or offendours, to the nexte
lordeshippe marcher towarde the shire, where the same offendour or offen-
dours shall happen to be outlawed or atteinted. And that the kynges offi-
cers of the same lordeshippe marcher or their deputies, or the lord or lordes
marchers of the same lordeshippe marcher, or his or their officer or officers,
or their deputies, shall receiue and saufely and surely conducte and conuey
the same offendour or offendours to the nexte lordeshippe marcher. And so
the kynges officers of euery lordeshippe marcher, or their deputies, or the
lord or lordes marchers of the same lordeshippe, or his or their officer or of-
ficers or theyr deputies, to receiue conducte and conuey saufely and surely
euery suche offendour or offendours from one lordeshippe marcher to an o-
ther lordeshippe marcher, by indenture, as is afore saide, vnto the tyme that
suche offendour or offendours shalbe saufely delyuered before the saide iu-
stices of the gaole delyuery, vpon peine of forfaiture by euery of the kyn-
ges officer or lord marcher, by whose defaute the same offendour or offen-
dours shall ne maie not appere before the same iustices at theyr sayde sessi-
ons there to stande and abyde the order of the kynges lawes. C. ii. to be le-
ued and perceiued of the goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes of
the same officer or lord to the kynges vse. And that all & euery officer and
officers, lord and lordes, or other persones, to whom any certificat shall be
directed, as is aboue sayde, shall at the nexte sessions and Gaole delyuery,
to be holden after the prehension or attachement of suche offendour or offen-
dours, retorne the same certificat in dewe fourme, and what he or they haue
done in that behalfe vpon the peyne afore saide. Sauynge alway to all and
euery offendour and offendours, all and singular trauerles, chalenges, ex-
cepcons, aduantages, and all other pleas to of and vpon the outlaury pro-
nounced or promouged againste the same offendour or offendours, in ma-
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Certificat

ner and fourme as is and hath be vsed and accustomed by the lawes of this realme for any the kynges subiectes dwellinge within the same realme.

Sureties.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons, whiche shall happen hereafter to be indited outlawed arrayned convicted or atteinted by force of this acte, do fynde suche sufficient sureties before the kynges Justices of his gaole delyverie, as by theyr discretion shall be thought convenient, that the same person or persons shall not from thensforthe committe nor do any felonie murder or felonious offence, nor be accessarie to any felonie murder or felonious offence, but at all tymes from thensforthe shall be of good behauour agaynst the kyng our soueraygne lord, his heires and successours, his and their lawes, and subiectes, that then the same Justices of gaole delyverie for the tyme beinge, with and by thassent consent and agreement of the lord president, and two of the kynges commissioners or counsaile of the marches for the tyme being, or thre of them at the leaste, wherof the lord presidente, or one of the sayde counsaile to be one, shall and may by theyr discretion for one tyme onely, admitte any suche offendour to a certayne tyme or summe of money on hym by them to be assessed and taxed, to be surely payde to the kynges vse, and shall haue full power and auctoritie by this present act to discharge any suche offendour or offendours, so arraigned outlawed convicted and atteinted of all and euery such felonie murder or felonious offence and accessaries of the same, and of all execucions and punishmentes of death, whiche the same offendour or offendours shuld suffre by the common lawes of this realme: so that the same offendour or offendours stande not appeled of the saide felonie murder or felonious offence, or accessarie of the same offences, at the tyme of his saide discharge. And that euery such offendour so discharged, as is aboue saide, shall bee for the same offence or offences done within any of the kynges lordshippes marchers, or any other lordshippes marchers, discharged as well agaynst the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, as agaynst all other lordes marchers for one tyme onely.

Provided alwaie, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that this present acte, or any thyng therein contained, shall not extende ne take place to abridge depriue or mynorate any liberties priuilege or auctoritie of any lord marcher, heretofore graunted to the same lord, or lawfully vsed or accustomed by the saide lord, or any of his auncetours, oneles the foresaid offendours happen to be indited outlawed arraigned convicted or atteinted by force of this acte, as is abouesaide, within two yerres nexte after suche murder or other felonious offence perpetrated done or committed within the said lordshippes marchers or any of them: Any thinge in this present acte before rehersed to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And further more be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all murders robberies felonies and accessaries of the same, whiche shall happen hereafter to be done perpetrated or committed within the shyre of Merionythe in Wales, shall and maie be from henseforthe enquired herde and determined

terminated in the counties of Carnaruan or Anglesee, before the kinges Justices of north Wales, or his deputie for the time being, by verdict or inquest to be taken by the inhabitautes of the same shires of Carnaruan and Anglesee, or other wise, if by the discrecion of the Justice there or his deputie, shall be thought convenient. And that the same Justice or his deputie, for the time being shall have full power and auctoritie by his discrecion, by force of this present act, to here and determine all and every the foresaid murders, felonies, robberies, and accessories, in fourme aforesaid.

Justices
of north
Wales.

And where heretofore upon divers murders, robberies, and felonies perpetrated and done, as well within the lordshippes marchers of Wales, as in other places of Wales without the same lordshippes, the offenders divers times flee and escape from the same lordship or other place, where such offence was committed, and have repaired and resorted into an other lordship marcher, and there by the aide comforte and fauour of the said lord of the same lordshippe or his officer or officers, have ben abiding and resiaunte, in to the whiche lordshippes the same lordes marchers have and do pretende a custome and priuilege, that none of the kynges ministers or subiectes maie entre, to pursue apprehende and attache any such offendour, therunto repaired, as is aforesaid, by reason wherof the same offendours went unpunished, to the animacion and encouragynge of other euill disposed people. It is therfore enacted by the auctoritie abovesaid, that every officer and officers, and their deputies, upon commaundement giuen by the commissioners or counsaile of the marches for the time being, shall bring sende or deliuer every such offendour to the officer of the lordshippe marcher, or other place, where any such offence is or shall be committed or done, upon the merces and bondes of the said lordshippes, or to the said commissioners or counsaile, accordyng as the said officers by thein shall be commaunded vnder peine of .xl. poundes, the same commaundement or commission to be directed to any such officer to be sende conueied and deliuered by a sergeant at armes, or a pursueant, attendant on the said counsell in the marches, for the time being.

An acte for amending of high waies in
Susssex. Cap. vii.



Where it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament heretofore holden at London, the .xv. date of Aprill, in the .xiii. yere of the kynges moste noble regne, and from thens adiourned to westminster the laste date of July, the .xv. yere of his reigne, and ther holden: in consideration that many comen waies in the welde of Kent be so depe & noyous by wearing & cours of water and other occasiōs, that people can not haue their passages & cariages by horses vpon or by the same, but to their great peines perils and ieopardy, that if any person or persons from

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Kent.

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peace.

that time in any place within the saide welde of the saide countie, of his good mynde and disposicion without any value of good by hym or by them to be receiued for the same, will for the comen wele of the kyngis people assigne and lay out a more commodious waie in and ouer the landes therunto adioynng, wherof the person or persons, or other to his vse shall be sealed of fee in eitate of inheritauce, that the same newe waie so to be assigned and laied out, by ouersight and assent of two Justices of the peace of the saide countie, and. xii. other discrete men within the same hundreth inhabityng, where any suche newe way shalbe limited & laied out, or inhabiting within the same hundred and other hundredes to the said hundreth next adioynng, shalbe from thenseforth holden occupied and vsed in like maner as the saide olde way there now is or befoze hath ben. And that also the same person or persons so disposed, willing and accomplishing, shall and maie for the saide newe way so assigned and vsed, receiue and hold in wey of recompense for the same newe way so to be giuen, the sole and ground of the olde way in seueralltie, to them their heires and assignes, to their owne vse and pzoofite for euer, without any comen way or passage there from thenseforth to be had or claimed, any pzoescrpcion or vse to the contrary not withstanding, in like maner and forme as is limited by the said act of a certain newe way granted by the same acte to be made by George Guilford squier at Hemsted in the saide welde of Kent. And that the said two Justices of peace, and. xii. other discrete men, by whose ouersight & assent, the said new way by vertue of the said act, shalbe assigned limited & laied out, shal within. iii. monethes next after thassignement limitacion & leyeng out of the same, make certificat into the kynges moit honorable court of chauncery vnder their seales of the length and bredde of the said newe way or strete, and of other thinges adioynning or concerning the same, as by their discreciōs shalbe thought most expedient or requisite for the comē welth of that contrei to be certified, and that certificat to be made from time to time, as ofte as any suche new way or strete shalbe assigned limited and laide out in fourme aboue wzitten.

Waies.

Provided alwaie, that if any person or persons, or body politike, haue or ought to haue, or hereafter shall haue any church waie, or other what so euer waie or passage, ouer or throughe any maner landes adioynning to any of the said old waies or stretes, which shalbe taken & vsed by force of that act as seuerall soile & frehold, in recōpence for any new way to be made & laide out in forme aforesaid, or haue or ought to haue, or hereafter shall haue any lades or tenemētes adioynning to the old way, thei & euery of thē, their heires & successours maie haue and vse their said way or waies out of & in the said newe way ouer and throughe the lande of the said old wey or strete, into or ouer the said landes or tenementes adioynning to the same, and so to passe and repasse, as shall appertaine, ouer the same old way, at suche conuenient place or places therof, as therfoze shalbe limited and assigned by the said. ii. Justices of peace and other. xii. men, and by them to be certified in the chancery, among other thinges by thē to be certified in forme aforesaide, any thing in the said acte

act aboue wzitten not withstanding, as by the same act manifestly appereth.
And for as muche as in many places within the countie of Suffex lyke
 act for the alteracion of common waies & stretes there beyng much annoious
 is much necessarie and expedient for the common welthe and comoditie of
 the kynges subiectes of the saide countie of Suffex to be had and made. In
 consideration wherof be it ordeigned & enacted by the kyng our soueraigne
 lord, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present
 parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the said acte aboue
 rehersed and recited, shall and maie from hensforth extende take effecte and
 be put in execucion in euery place conuenient or necessarie within the saide
 countie of Suffex, where waies and stretes be noyous to the kynges sayde
 subiectes of the same countie of Suffex in like forme & maner, & in all poin-
 tes and condicions, and with lyke prouiso to be had don & executed, as it is
 contained & expessed in the aboue recited act concernyng the chaunge of the
 waies and stretes in the said countie of Kent, any prescription vse custome
 or other thynge to the contrary beyng in any wise notwithstanding.

Suffex,

Stretes.

An acte for reedisyng of boide groundes in the citie of Norwiche. ca. viii.



Where by infortunate chaunce of fire a great nombre of houses
 of habitation within the citie of Norwiche, about .xxvi. yeres
 past, were burned and vtterly consumed, to the great heuines
 discomforte, losse and hinderance of the inhabitautes of the
 same citie. By reason of whiche bournynge diuers and many
 boide groundes, wherupon befoze the same fire, good and substanciall hou-
 ses of habitation were standynge remainynge nowe at this daie vnreedifi-
 ed, and not onely vnreedified, but also to lie as desolate and vacant groudes
 many of them nigh adioynynge to the high stretes, replenished with muche
 vnclennes and filthe, to the great annuysance of the said inhabitantes, & other
 the kynges subiectes passyng by the same: and to thentent that a refozmacio
 may be had in that behalfe, Be it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord,
 & the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parli-
 ament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that if the owner or owners
 of such vacant ground or groudes, so lyng within the precinct of the said ci-
 tie, within two yeres nexte after proclamacion made by the comandemēt of
 the Maire of the said citie for the time being, within and vpon suche vacant
 ground or groudes, of the tenour and effecte of this present acte, do not
 sufficiently reedifie, or elles with walles of moztar and stonie sufficiently in-
 close the same vacant ground or groudes, wherbpon suche proclamacion
 shalbe made, that than it shall be leful to the Mayre Shireffes citezens and
 comminaltie of the same citee & theyr successours for the tyme beyng, imme-
 diately after the sayde two yeres expired, to entre into euery suche grounde
 and groudes so vacant as is aforesayde, wherbpon suche proclamacion,
 as is befoze remembred, shalbe so made, and the same ground & groudes

Norwiche

Vacant or
boide
groundes.

to holde and retayne without interruption to them and their successours for ever, clerely discharged of al rentes, as well against the lordes of fees therof as of all other, so that alwaies the same mayre shiriffes citezens and comminaltie or their successours, do well & sufficiently reedifie, or els with walles of moztar and stone, as is aforesaid, sufficiently do inclose the same groundes and groundes, wherein they shall so entre, within two yerres next after suche entre by them so to be made, as is aforesaid. And in case the same maire shiriffe citezens and comminaltie, or their successours, do not sufficiently reedifie or inclose, or cause to be reedified or inclosed the same groundes and groundes, in fourme aforesaid within the same terme of two yerres nexte after they shall so entre into the same, that then it shall be lefull to the said first owner & owners of all suche ground and groundes, their heires or successours immediately after the same thre yerres so expired, to teentre into the same groundes and groundes, and the same to reteine and enioy agein to them, their heires and successours, as in their former estate and interest: any thynge in this act contened to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, that if the owners of suche vacant groundes or groundes, specified in this acte, do not repayre and amende the same, accordyng to the tenour of this acte, within two yerres lymitted by this acte: that then it shall be lefull to the chiefe lordes, of whom suche vacant groundes ben or shall be holden, to entre and to haue the same groundes to them their heires & successours for ever, so that euery such chiefe lord do repaire and amende the said vacant groundes accordyng to the tenour and effect of this act within one yere next after that such chiefe lord maie entre by auctoritie of this acte. And if such chiefe lord, as maie entre by this acte, do not repayre and amende the same vacant groundes within one yere next after they maie entre by this acte: that then for euery suche defaute the maire shiriffes citezens and comminaltie shall laufully entre into the said groundes, accordyng to the tenour forme effect and condicion aboue expressed in this acte: any thing in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

An acte for reedifyng of boyde groundes within the towne of Lynne. Cap. ix.

Lynne,



Decaied
groundes.

Humbly befecheth your good & gracious highnes your obedient subiectes, the maire & burgeses of þe towne of Lyn byshop, in your countie of Norfolke, that where at this presente time diuers & many mesuages & tenementes of olde time builded within the saide towne are & by a longe time haue ben in great decay & desclacion, wherby the flud and rage of the sea comynge to the sayd towne, and insurgyng vppon suche decaied tenementes in times of tempeste, doth freat and meruaylously weare in dyuers places of the saide towne, to the great hurte and damage as well of the saide towne as of dyuers persones hauynge groundes adioynynge to suche places so

res so in decaye, and that the owners of suche decayed groundes wyl not reedifie and mayntene the saide mesuages and tenementes so decayed for the maintenaunce and defence of the water and rage of the sea, whereby the said towne is like to fall in more decaye ruine & desolacion, if remedie therfore be not provided. In consideration wherof it may please your highnes, that it may be enacted by your maiestie, by the assentes of the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that if the owner or owners of suche mesuages and tenementes so decayed, settyng or beyng within the precincte of the saide towne, within one yere nexte after proclamacion made by the commaundement of the mayre of the said towne for the tyme beinge, within and vpon such decayed mesuages or tenementes, do not sufficiently reedifie, or elles with walles of morter and stone sufficiently enclose the same mesuages and tenementes & groundes to them belongynge, so beyng in decaye, for defence of the rage of the water: that then it shall be lefull to the chiefe lordes, of whom suche mesuages or tenementes so decayed shalbe holden, to enter into the said mesuages and tenementes so decayed, and the same holde haue and reteine to them and their heires for ever: so that every such lord, which shall enter into any mesuages or tenementes so decayed, by auctoritie of this acte, do sufficiently reedifie, or els with walles of morter and stone sufficiently inclose the saide mesuages & tenementes so decayed in fourme as is abovesaide within one yere nexte after that such chiefe lord may enter into the same by auctoritie of this acte. And if such chiefe lord, whiche may enter by auctoritie of this acte into the said mesuages or tenementes decayed, do not reedifie the saide mesuages & tenementes decayed, or els with walles of morter & stone sufficiently inclose the same, in fourme as is aforesaid, within one yere nexte after such chiefe lord mought enter into the same by auctoritie of this acte: that then it shalbe lafull to the maire & cominaltie of the saide towne for every suche defaulte to enter into any suche mesuages or tenementes so decayed, and the same to haue and reteine to them and their successours for ever, without interrupcion to them and their successours for ever, clerely discharged of al rentes, as well against the lordes of fees therof as of all other. So that alwaies the same mayre & cominaltie, or theyr successours do well and sufficiently reedifie, or els with walles of morter and stone, as is aforesaid, sufficiently do inclose the same mesuages and tenementes or groundes apperteyning to the same, wherein they shall so enter by auctoritie of this acte within two yeres nexte after such entre by the so to be made, as is aforesaid, & in case the same mayre & cominaltie, or their successours, do not sufficiently reedifie or inclose, or cause to be reedified or inclosed the same mesuages & tenementes or groundes to the same belongynge, in fourme aforesaid, within the same terme of two yeres next after they shall so enter into the same: that then it shall be lefull to the said firste owner & owners of all suche mesuages tenementes & groundes, their heires or successours, immediatly after the same two yeres so expired, to enter into the same mesuages tenementes & groundes, and

and the same to receyue and enioy agayne to them, their heires and successours, as in their former estate and interest. Any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

An acte wherby the kynges highnes hath auctoritie to repell the statute made for restrint of wyues to come in afore Candelmas. ca. x.



Wyues of
Gascogne
or Guis. &c

Here in the session of this presente parliamente holden at westminster in the .xv. daie of January, in the .xxiii. yere of the kynges moste noble reigne, it was enacted by auctoritie of the same parlyament, that no maner of person or persons shoulde discharge and lay on lande out of any shippe or shippes, or other vessell or vessels, any wyues of Gascogne or Guis. or any maner of frenche wyues, at any haven porte creeke or other place within this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, or the marches of the same, at any time from thenseforth betwene the feastes of saint Michel tharchangell, and the Purification of our lady, vpon paine of forfaiture of the same wyues so brought and discharged and layde on lande at any tyme hereafter betwene the saide feastes contrary to the saide acte: The one halfe of whiche forfaiture to be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe therof to suche of the kynges subiectes, as shall lease or sue for the same, by action of detinue or dette after the rate of the value therof, by originall writte byll playnte or informacion, in any of the kynges courtes: in whiche actions and suites the defendaunt shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoine shall be allowed, as amonge other thinges in the saide acte specified evidently appereth. For as muche as suche leages and amities as ben concluded and had betwene the kynges maiestie and other foreyne kynges and princes, for the weale and tranquillite of theyr realmes countreies and people, moughte parcase be impeched interrupted or derogated, contrary to the pactes and agrementes therein conteined, as well by occasions of the saide article conteyned in the said act, as by occasion of sondry other like actes heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, wherby the commoditie and marchandise of this realme, and of other the kynges dominions bene restreyned to be conueyed into any outwarde parties, foreyne realmes, or countreies of other princes beinge in leage and amitie with the kynges highnes, or the commodities and marchandises of suche outwarde parties, foreyn realmes, and countreies be restreined to be brought and conueighed in to this realme, or elles where within the kynges dominions to be vttered solde and vsed as frely as of olde tyme hath bene accustomed. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that the kyng our soueraigne lord shall duringe his life naturall, haue full power and auctoritie by his proclamacions, to be conteyned in letters patentes vnder his great seale, and enrolled in his courte of chauncerie, from tyme to tyme to repell and make boide

Leagues.

Proclama
cion.

as

as well the said article contained and specified in the said act made for to re-
 straine the bringyng in of wines afoze the feast of the Purification of our
 lady, as all other suche actes and statutes in parte or in the hole, which hath
 ben made sith the beginning of this present parliament for the restreint or
 lette of any commoditees of this realme, or of other the kynges dominions to
 be conueied and vttered to and in any outward parties, realmes, or coun-
 treis, or for restreinte and let of any commodities or marchandise of outward
 parties, realmes or countreis to be conueied brought and vttered to or in
 this realme, or els where within the kynges dominions: And by like procla-
 mations from time to time, shall haue power and auctoritie to reuue and
 make effectuell the said statutes and actes againe in their force strength and
 effecte in all or suche parte therof, as to his maiestie shall be thought most
 conuenient and profitable for his realme. And that euery such repeale abro-
 gation & makynge boide of any such statutes or actes, in parte or in the hole:
 and euery suche reuuing or makynge effectuell of them againe in parte or
 in the hole by proclamacions vnder the great seale to be made and enrolled
 in the kynges chauncerie, as is aforesaide, shall be of the same qualitie force
 strength condicion and effecte to all intentes and purposes, as if it had ben
 done with due circumstances by auctoritie of parliamēt, any thing or thinges
 contained in any suche actes, or any vsage or custome of this realme to the
 contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Repeale
of actes.

Reuuing
of actes.

CAn acte for punishment of welshemen attemptyng any
 assautes or affraies vpon any thynhabitauntes of
 Heref. Glouc. and Shropshire. Ca. xi.



Or as muche as in times past diuerse and sondrie the
 kyngs our souerain lordes subiectes, inhabited as well
 in wales as in the marches of the same, haue heretofore
 vbled at sondrie times, when lafulle processe hath ben at-
 tempted agaynst them, or agaynst their kynsmen, or
 frendes, for sonderie, robberies, murders, or felonies by
 them committed, or for any suites or processe of the lawe
 pursued or sued agaynst any persone or persones inhabytyng or dwelling
 within wales, or the marches of the same, within the counties of Glouce-
 ster, Salop, and Herforde, haue layen in awaite, and sodeinly of prepen-
 sed malice, haue not onely mette with the pursuers of the said suites in the
 said counties, and in places nere adioynyng to the same, but also haue bea-
 ten, maphimed greuously wounded, and sometimes murdered diuerse of the
 same pursuers, for the only attempting and pursuyng of suche felons, wher-
 by hath insued no litle violacion and disturbaunce of the kynges peace, to
 the greate disquietinge of all the saide parties, and to the right perillous
 example of all others like offendours. Be it therfore ordeined established
 and enacted by the kynges saide highnes, his lordes spirituall and tēporall,
 and

wales and
marches of
the same.

Malice
presumed.

and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the aucto-
ritie of the same, that if any maner person or persons inhabited or dwelling in
Wales, or in the marches of the same, at any time hereafter upon any pre-
pensed malice, shall presume to assaulte beate hurt wounde or maim any
other the kynges subiectes of the said counties, that then he or thei so attem-
pting, what so euer thei be, being indicted and conuicted therof, shall suffre
imprisonment without redempcion for the space of one hole yere, in suche pri-
son or prisons as vnto the Iustices, befoze whom he or thei shall be conui-
cted, shalbe thought conuenient, with suche further peine and punishment,
as he or thei shuld haue had, if this acte had neuer ben had or made. This
acte to endure vnto the last daie of the nexte parliament.

An acte for purgacion of conuictes in Wales. Cap. xii.

Here at the parliament summoned and holden at London, the thirde daie of Nouember, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord king Henry the. viii. and from thens adiourned vnto westminster in the countie of Middelsex, and after diuers prorogations, there also holden the. xvi. daie of Januarie, the. xxiij. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord kyng Henry the. viii. It was enacted among

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other, that no person nor persons, whiche from thenceforth shulde happen to be found guiltie after the lawes of this lande, for any maner of petie treason, or for any wilfull murder of malice prepensed, or for robbing of any churches, chapelles, or other holy places, or for robbing of any personne or persons in their dwelling houses, or dwelling place, the owner or dweller in the same house, his wife, his children, or seruantes then being within, & put in feare and dæde by the same, or for robbing of any person or persons, in or nere about the high waies or for wilfull burning of any dwelling houses or barnes, wherein any graine of cornes shuld happen to be: nor any persone or persons being found guiltie of any abbettement, procurement, helping, main- teinyng, or counsailling of or to any such petie treasons murders or felonies, shulde from thenceforth be admitted to the benefite of his or their clergie, but vtterly be excluded therof, and suffre death in suche maner and fourme, as thei shulde haue done for any the causes or offences abouesaid, if they were no clerkes, such as be within holy orders, that is to saie, of the orders of sub- deacon or aboue, onely excepte. And also it was then and there by auctoritie aforesaid, further enacted, that euery suche person and persons within suche orders of subdeacon or aboue, whiche at any time from thenceforth shulde be founde guiltie of any petie treason, or of any murder of malice prepensed, or of any of the felonies abouerehered, or of any accessarie to petie treason, wilfull murder, or to any other the felonies aboue especified, and admitted to his or their clergie, and deliuered to the ordinarie for the same, shulde not in any wise from thenceforth be suffered to any purgacion, nor be set at liber- tie.

tie, but remayne and abide in perpetuall prison, vnder the keepyng of the ordi-
 narie, to whom he shulde be committed & his successours, without any maner
 of purgacion, durynge the naturall lyfe of euery such conuicte: excepte onely
 such person and persons so beyng within such holy orders, and conuicte of
 or for any of the offences aforesaide, & deliuered to the ordinary for the same,
 do fynde two sufficient sureties by recognisaunce before two of the kynges
 Justices of his peace within the same shyre, where the petie treason murder
 or felonie, wherof he was conuicted, was committed and done, wherof one of
 the to be of the Quorum, that such conuicte shall be of good aberyng against
 the kyng our soueraygne lord, his lawes and subiectes, euery such conuict
 to be bounde in the summe of. xl. li. and euery his sureties in. xx. li. and that
 no suretie to be taken, onles such as may dispende in landes tenementes or
 hereditamentes yerely aboue all charges of estate of inheritance of charter
 hold. xxvi. s. viii. d. or els be worth. xx. li. in moueable substaunce, at the time
 of the takynge of suche recognisaunce. And that two Justices of peace, wher-
 of one to be of the quorum, by auctoritie aforesaid, haue power & auctoritie
 to take suche recognisaunce. And that the saide Justices, afore whome any
 suche recognisaunce shall be taken, shall certifie the same in to the kinges
 bench within foure monethes nexte after the takynge therof, vpon peine to
 lose and forsaite. C. s. for euery defaute therof. And for as muche as there be
 no Justices of peace ne of the Quorum within wales, nor in dyuers other
 places, citie, honours, lordshippes, and manours within the kynges domi-
 nion, where as a lord marcher, Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, Deputie or other
 officer of any such place, citie, honour, lordship, or manour haue auctoritie
 or power, by custome or other wyse to arrayne afore hym or them any suche
 person or persons beyng within suche holy orders of subdeacon or aboue,
 for committynge or doyng any of the saide petie treasons murders, felonies,
 or any other of the saide offences. And if it happen the same person so beyng
 therof arraigned to be founde guiltie, for to admitte him to his chergie, if he
 pray the same before iudgement, and further to do and execute agaynst any
 such offendour, beyng so arrayned before them, in lyke maner and fourme
 as Justices of the gaole deliuerie within the shire grounde haue vsed to do
 by vertue of the kynges commission vnto them directed: By reason wherof
 euery suche persone or persons, within suche orders of subdeacon or aboue,
 beinge conuicte of any of the saide petie treasons, murders, felonies, or any
 other the said offences, before any lord marcher, Stewarde, lieutenaunt, de-
 putie, or other officer within wales, or within any other place citie honour
 lordship or manour within the kynges dominion, where no Justices of
 peace be, and there vpon committed vnto the ordinary as clerke conuicte,
 shall there remayne durynge the naturall lyfe of any suche conuicte: The
 saide former acte and statute not withstandyng. For that there be no Justi-
 ces of the peace ne of the Quorum, there as the saide petie treason mur-
 der or felonie, wherof he is so conuicted, was committed and done, to take
 suretie by recognisaunce for the good aberyng of euery suche conuicte,
 in

Pris per
petuall.

Ordinarie

Justices
of peace.

Conuicte.

Recognis-
saunce.

Wales.

in manour and fourme as in the said former act is reherſed. Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our ſoueraigne lord, and the lordes ſpiritual and temporal, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſemble, and by auctoritie of the ſame, that euery ſuch perſon and perſons, within ſuche orders of ſubdeacon or aboue, beyng conuicte of any pety treason, or of any murder of malice prepenſed, or of any of the ſaide felonies aboue reherſed, or of any acceſſarie to petie treason, wylfull murder, or to any other the ſayd felonies aboue eſpecificed befoze any lord marcher, Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, deputie, or other Juſtice or officer within wales, or within any other place citie towne honour lordſhippe or maner within the kynges dominion, where no Juſtices of the peace and of the Quoerum be, and therupon the ſame conuicte admitted vnto his clergie, that the ſame perſon or perſons ſo beyng within ſuche holy orders, and conuicte befoze any ſuche lord marcher Stewarde Lieutenaunt deputie or other iuſtice or officer in wales, or within any ſuch place citie towne honour lordſhip or maner within any the kynges dominion, where be no Juſtices of the peace and of the Quoerum, or of for any of the offences aforeſaide, and deliuered vnto the ordinarie as clerke conuicte for the ſame, ſhall or may finde two ſureties by recogniſaunce for his good aberyng befoze two of the kynges Juſtices of the peace, wherof the one to be of the Quoerum, in the ſhyre where the ſame conuicte is or ſhall be kepte in the ordinaries priſon, if the ſame priſon be within the ſhyre ground, where iuſtices of the peace and of the quoerum be, or els befoze two of the kynges iuſtices of the peace, wherof the one to be of the Quoerum in the nexte ſhyre adioyninge vnto the ſame priſon: And that the ſame two Juſtices of the peace, wherof the one to be of the Quoerum, to haue power and auctoritie to take ſuche recogniſaunce, and to certifie the ſame in lyke maner and fourme and vpon like peyne as it ſhulde or ought to haue ben done by vertue of the ſaide former acte, if the ſame petie treason murder felonie or other offence, or for which any ſuch conuicte was or ſhal be ſo conuicte and admitted vnto his clergie, as is aforeſaide, had ben committed and done within the ſhyre ground, wher Juſtices of the peace and of the Quoerum be.

CAn acte wherby dyuers offences be made high treason, and takyng away all ſayntuaries for all maner of high treaſons. cap. xiii.

For as much as it is moſte neceſſarie bothe for commune policie and duetie of ſubiectes aboue all thynges to prohibite prouide reſtreyn and extinguiſhe all maner of ſhamefull ſclaunders perils or imminent daunger or daungers, which might growe happen or ryſe to theyr ſoueraigne lord the kyng, the queene, or theyr heyres, whiche whan they be herde ſene or vnderſtande, can not be but odible and alſo abhorrred of all thoſe ſortes that be true and louynge ſubiectes, if in any pointe they maie do or ſhall touche the kyng, his queene, their heires or ſucceſſours, vpon whiche dependeth the hole vnitie and vniuerſall weale of this

this realme, without prouiding wherfoze to great a scope of vntreasonable libertie shulde be giuen to all cankarde and traiterous hartes, willers and woꝝkers of the same. And also the kynges louyng subiectes shulde not declare vnto their soueraine lord nowe being, whiche vnto them hath bene and is most entierly both beloued & esteemed, their vndoubted sinceritie & trouth. Be it therfoze enacted by the assent & consent of our soueraine lord the king, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons after the first daie of februarye next comyng, do maliciously with the will or deire by woꝝdes or wꝛiting, or by craft imagin, inuente, practise, or attempte any bodily harme to be done or committed to the kynges most roiall person, the queene, or their heires apparant, or to depꝛiue them or any of the, of the dignitie title or name of their roiall estates, or sclaunderously and maliciously publishe and pronouuce by expresse wꝛiting or woꝝdes, that the king our soueraine lord shulde be heretike, scismatike, tiraunt, infidele, or vsurper of the crowne, or rebelliously do detein kepe or withholde from our saide soueraine lord, his heires or successours, any of his or their castels, fortresses, fortileses, or holdes within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, or marches, or rebelliously detein kepe or withholde from the kynges saide highnesse, his heires or successours, any of his or their shippes, ordinaunces, artillery, or other municions or fortifications of warre, and do not humbly render and giue vp to our saide soueraine lord, his heires or successours, or to suche persons as shalbe deputed by them, suche castels, fortresses, fortileses, holdes, shippes, ordinaunces, artillery, and other municions, and fortifications of warre, rebelliously kepte or deteined, within. vi. daies nexte after thei shalbe commaunded by our saide soueraine lord, his heires or successours, by open proclamaciō vnder the great seale. That then euery suche person and persons so offending in any the pꝛemisses, after the saide firste daie of february, their aidours, counseillours, consentours, and abbettours, being therof lausfully conuicte, according to the lawes and customes of this realme, shall be adiudged traitours, and that euery suche offence in any the pꝛemisses, that shalbe committed or done after the saide firste daie of february, shal be reputed accepted and adiudged high treason: And the offendours therein, and their aidours consentours counseillours and abbettours being lausfully conuicte of any suche offence, as is aforesaide, shall haue and suffre such peines of death, and other penalties, as is limited and accustomed in cases of high treason.

And to thintent that all treasons shuld be the moze dꝛed hated and detested to be done by any person or persons, and also by cause it is a great boldnes and an occasion to ill disposed persons to aduenture and imbrace their malicious intentes and enterprises, whiche all true subiectes ought to studie to eschewe. Be it therfoze enacted by th auctoritie aforesaide, that none offendour in any kyndes of high treasons, what so euer thei be, their aidours, consentours, counseillours, nor abbettours, shall be admitted to haue the benefite

Traitours.

High treason.

Saint
sury.

benefite or priuilege of any maner of sanctuarie, considering that matters of treasons toucheth so nigh both the suretie of the kynge our soueraine lordes person, and his heires and successours.

Othes.

And ouer that be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if any of the kynges subiectes denisens or other, do committe or practyse out of the limittes of this realme in any outwarde parties, any suche offences, whiche by this acte are made, or heretofore haue be made treason, that then suche treasons what so euer thei be, or where so euer thei shall happen so to be done or committed shall be inquired, and presented by the othes of twelue good & lauffull men, vpon good and probable euidence and witnes in suche shire & countie of this realme, and before such persons, as it shall please the kynges highnes to appoint by commissiō vnder his great seale, in like maner and fourme as treasons committed within this realme, haue ben vsed to be inquired of and presented, and that vpon euery inditemēt and presentinēt founden and made of any suche treasons, and certified into the kynges bench, like proces & other circumstance shall be there had and made against the offenders, as if the same treasons so presented had be lauffully founde to be done and committed within the limittes of this realme. And that all proces of outlarie hereafter to be made and had within this realme, against any offendours in treason, being resiaunt or inhabited out of the limittes of this realme, or in any of the parties of beyonde the sea, at the time of the outlarie pronouced against the, shall be as good and as effectuell in the lawe to all intentes and purposes, as if suche offendours had be resident and dwelling within this realme, at the time of suche processe awarded and outlarie pronouced.

Outlarie

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that euery offender and offenders being hereafter lauffully conuict of any maner of high treasons by presentement confession verdicte or processe of outlarie, according to the due course and custome of the comon lawes of this realme, shall lose & forsaite to the kynges highnesse, his heires & successours, all such lādes, tenementes, and hereditamētes, which any such offender or offenders shall haue of any estate of inheritauce in vse or possession, by any right title or meanes within this realme of Englande, or els where within any the kynges dominions, at the time yf any suche treason committed, or any time after. Sauinge to euery persone and persons, their heires and successours, other then the offenders in any treasons, their heires and successours, and suche person and persons, as claime to any their vses, all suche rightes titles interestes possessions leases rentes offices and other profites, whiche thei shall haue at the daie of committing suche treasons, or at any time afore, in as large and ample manner, as if this acte had neuer ben had nor made.

An acte for nomination and consecracion of suffragans within this realme. Cap. xiiii.

Al be it that sithen the begynnyng of this present parliament, good and honourable ordinaunces and statutes haue ben made and established

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blissed for elections, presentations, consecrations, and inuestyng of arche-
bischoppes and bischoppes of this realme, and in all other the kynges do-
minions, with all ceremonies apperteynyng vnto the same, as by sondry sta-
tutes therof made moze at large is specified: yet neuerthelesse no prouision
hitherto hath ben made for suffragans, whiche haue ben accustomed to be
had within this realme for the moze spedy administracion of the sacramen-
tes and other good holsome and deuoute thinges, and laudable ceremonies,
to the encrease of goddis honour, and for the commoditie of good and de-
uoute people. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament,
that the townes of Chetforde, Ippeswiche, Colchester, Douer, Gylforde,
Southampton, Taunton, Shaftesburie, Molton, Harlebourghe, Bed-
forde, Leicester, Glocester, Shrewesburie, Bystowe, Penrethe, Bridge-
water, Nottingham, Grauntham, Hulle, Huntingdon, Cambridge, and
the townes of Bereth and Barwyke, saint Germaines in Cornewall, and
the Isle of wihgt, shal be taken and accepted for sees of bisshops suffragans
to be made in this realme and in wales, and the bisshops of suche sees shal
be called suffragans of this realme. And that euery archebisshop & bisshop
of this realme and of wales, and els where within the kynges dominions,
being disposed to haue any suffragane, shal and maie at their liberties name
and electe, that is to saie, euery of them for their peculier diocese, two honest
and discrete spirituall persons, being lerned and of good conuersacion, and
those two persons so by them to be named, shal present to the kynges high-
nes by their wytyng vnder their seales, makynge humble request to his ma-
iestie, to giue to one suche of the saide two persons, as shal please his maie-
stie, suche title name stile and dignitie of bisshop of suche of the sees aboue
specified, as the kynges highnes shal thinke most conuenient for the same.
And that the kynges maiestie vpon euery suche presentation, shal haue full
power and auctoritie to giue to one of those two persons, so to his highnes to
be presented, the style title and name of a bisshop of suche of the sees afoze
said, as to his maiestie shal be thought moste conuenient and expedient, so it
be within the same prouince, wherof the bisshoppe that dothe name him is.
And that euery suche person, to whom the kynges highnes shal giue any
suche style and title, of any of the sees afoze named, shal be called bisshop suf-
fragane of the same see: wherunto he shal be named. And after suche title
style and name so giuen, as is afozesaide, the kynges maiestie shal present
euery such person by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, to the arche-
bisshop of Canturbury, if the towne wherof he hath his title, be within the
prouince of Canturbury, and likewise to the archebisshoppe of yorke, if the
towne wherof he hath his title, be within the prouince of yorke, signifieng
and declaryng by the same letters patentes, the name of þe personne presen-
ted, and the style and title of dignitie of bisshopriche, wherunto he shal be no-
minated: requiring the same archebisshop, to whom suche letters patentes
shal be directed, to consecrate the said person so nominate & presented, to the
same name title style and dignitie of bisshop: that he shal be nominate & pre-

Suffragans.

Sees of
bisshops
suffragans.

lented vnto, and to giue him all suche consecrations benedictions & ceremonies, as to the degre and office of a bishop suffragan shall be requisite.

C And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that all & every suche person and persons, as shall be nominated elected presented and consecrated, as is afore rehearsed, shall be taken accepted and reputed, in al degrees and places, according to the style title name and dignitie that he shall be so presented vnto, and haue suche capacitie power & auctoritie, honour, preeminence, and reputation, in as large and ample maner in and concerning the execution of suche commission, as by any of the saide archbishops or bishops within their dioceses shall be giuen to the saide suffragans, as to suffragans of this realme heretofore hath ben vsed and accustomed.

C And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that every archbishop of this realme, to whom any the kynges letters patentes in the cases afore rehearsed, shall be directed, hauyng no lafull impediment, shall performe and accomplishe the effectes and cōtentes of this acte within the time of. iii. monethes next after such letters patentes shall come to their handes, any vsage customes forein lawes, priuileges, prescriptions, or other thynge or thynges heretofore vsed had or done to the contrary hereof not withstandinge.

Prouided alwaies, that no suche suffragans, whiche shall be made & consecrate by vertue and auctoritie of this acte, shall take or perceiue any maner of profites of the places and sees, wherof thei shall be named, nor vse haue or execute any iurisdiction, or episcopall power or auctoritie within their saide sees, nor within any dioceses or place of this realme, or els where within the kynges dominions, but onely suche profites iurisdiction power & auctoritie, as shall be licenced & limited to them to take do & execute by any archbishop or bishop of this realme within their dioceses, to whom thei shall be suffragans by their commission vnder their seales. And that every archbishop & bishop of this realme, for their owne peculier dioceses, maie and shall giue suche commission or commissions to every suche bishop suffragan, as shall be so consecrate by auctoritie of this act, as hath ben accustomed for suffragans heretofore to haue, or els suche cōmission as by them shall be thought requisite reasonable & conuenient. And that no suche suffragan shall vse any iurisdiction ordinary, or episcopal power, otherwise nor longer time than shall be limited by such commission to him to be giuen as is aforesaid, vpon peine to incurre into the peines losses forfeitures and penalties mencioned in the statute of prouisions, made, in the. xvi. yere of kyng Richard the second.

Prouided alwaies, that the bishop that shall nominate the suffragan to the kynges highnes, or the suffragan him selfe that shall be nominate, shall prouide two bishoppes or suffragans to consecrate him with the archbishop, and shall beare their reasonable costes.

Prouided also that the residence of him that shall be suffragan ouer the dioceses, where he shall haue commission, shall serue him for his residence as sufficiently, as if he were resident vpon any other his benefice, any acte, heretofore made to the contrary not withstandinge.

Be it

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patentes.

Archbis
hop and
bishop.

Where it further enacted, that all suche suffraganes, as shall hereafter exercise the offices aforesaide, by the commission of the bishop, for the better maintenance of his dignitie, may have two benefices with cure, any former acte made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Benefice
with cure.

An acte for takynge alwaie certayne exactions taken within the archdeaconry of Richemonde by spirituall men. cap. xv.

For as muche as divers and many the kynge our soueraine lordes subiectes, inhabited within the archdeaconry of Richemonde, in the countie of yorke, be and of longe tyme have ben sore and greuously exacted and impouertished by the persons bycats and others suche as haue benefices and spirituall promotions within the same, as by takynge of euery persone, whan he dieth, in the name of a pension or of a portion, sometyme the nynthe parte of all his goodes and cattals, and sometyme the thyrde parte, to the open and manifest imponerishynge of mooste parte of all the kynges pooresubiectes, inhabited & deceasyng within the same. wherfore be it ordeined enacted and established by the kynge our soueraine lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament asssembled, and by the the auctorite of the same, & from the feast of saynte Marke the euangelyst nexte comynge, no maner of spirituall person or others now haupnge, or that from the saide feast shall haue any maner of benefice, or other spirituall promotion within the saide archdeaconry, shall in no wyse aske leupe demaunde or take, after the disceasse of any persone or persones any suche portions or pensions, nor any other demaunde or duetie, in & name or lue of the same, vpon peyne to incurre suche daungers forfaytures & penalties, as be contained in the statute of prouisors, made in the .xxv. yere of the reigne of your mooste noble progenitor kynge Edward the thyrde. But that all & euery the kinges subiectes of the sayd archdeaconry, & their executors & administratours, from henceforth shall be ordred entreated & vled for their goodes and cattalles after theyr deceasse, in lyke maner fourme order and condicion, as is contained in the statute made in the .xxi. yere of your mooste noble and victorious reygne for probate of testaments, and none other wyse, any vse custome bull composition prescription or ordinaunce heretofore had obtained or vled to the contrary, within the foresaid archdeaconry, in any wise notwithstanding.

Archdeaconry
of
Richemond

Pension or
portion.

An acte for makynge of worstedes in the citie of Norwiche, and in the townes of Lynne and yarmouth. cap. xvi.

Where at a parliamente holden at London the .xv. daie of Apryll, in the .xiii. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lord the kynge that now is, and from thens adiourned to westmynster, the laste daie of July, in the .xv. yere of our sayde soueraygne lord,

worstede
weavers.

permouth.

Norwiche

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Markes.

And there ended : It was ordeined enacted & established, that the craftes me
called worstede weuers, inhabited in the towne of great permouth, shulde
haue power & auctoritee by that acte from thens forwarde, to electe, & chole
perely for euer, on the munday nexte after the feast of Pentecost, one honest
man of the mistery and occupacion of worstede weuers, beinge an house hol-
der within the saide towne of great permouth, and haupnge of his proper
goodes and cattals to the value of .x. li. at the least, or landes & teneimentes
to his owne vse of estate of freholde at the least, to the clere perely value of
xx. s. to be wardeyn of the same crafte & mystery of worstede weauers for the
pere nexte ensuyng, which man so elected & chosen, shuld personally appere
before the mayre of the citie of Norwiche for the time beyng, the mundaie
nexte after the feast of corpus Christi, then nexte ensuyng, then and there to
be sworne and charged by lyke othe, concernynge the true and substanciall
makynge of worstedes saies and stamynes within the saide towne of great
permouth, as the. iiii. wardeyns of the said citie of Norwiche, by vertue of
an acte of parliament, made in the. vii. pere of kynge Edward the fourthe,
were charged & sworne for the same citie of Norwiche. And if the saide mayre
happened to be absēt the said mundaie nexte after corpus Christi, or els then
refused to receiue or take the said othe, than the said wardein so electe with-
in. iiii. dayes nexte after the same munday, shulde come before the bailiffes
of the saide towne of great permouth, for the time beyng, or before one of
them, the other beinge absente, and then and therereceiue a corporall othe
for the true exercisynge of the same office of wardeynshyp, after the tenour of
the othe accustomedly vsed to be gpyen to the said wardeins of the saide ci-
tie of Norwiche, and then the said wardein of the said towne of great per-
mouth for the tyme beinge, so electe and sworne, myght ordeine and appoint
a seale with this letter, x, to be grauen in the same seale, and might haue full
power and auctoritie to biewe serche seale, and seale in leade with the same
seale, so to be appointed and engraue, and none other, all worstedes saies
and stamynes within the saide towne of permouth, & suburbes of the same,
made or to be made, & not els where, in as large & ample maner as the saide
wardeins of the said citie of Norwiche, and the wardeins of the countie of
Norfolke or any of them, had within the saide citie or countie, or in any wise
may do in that behalfe by auctoritie or vertue of the afore remembred acte,
made in the saide seuenth pere of kynge Edward the fourthe any thinge in
the same conteined to the contrarie therof notwithstandinge. And that no
persone inhabited within the saide towne of great permouth or suburbes
therof, shulde weaue any worstedes, saies, or stamynes, within the same
towne, excepte he be an Englysheman borne, and had ben a pzentise to the
saide occupacion, & without he weaued therein such propre markes as shuld
be limitted and appointed by the saide wardeine of the saide towne for the
time beinge, electe and sworne as is afore saide, vpon peine of forfayture
therof to the kynge our soueraynge lord. And that euery wardayne of the
saide towne shuld limitte distincte and seuerall markes to euery of the saide
worsted

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worsted weauers of the same towne of great yarmouthes, and the same
markes by the saide wardeine to be registred in a booke.

¶ And also it was further enacted, that if and when soeuer the towne of
Lynne shulde be inhabited with .v. sondry householders or more nombre of
householders, exercising and vsinge the saide crafte or mystery of worstede
weauers, then and from thensforthe, that is to saie, as longe as the same
towne of Lynne shulde be inhabited with the nombre of .x. suche househol-
ders at the leaste, it shoulde be lefull to the same inhabitants of the saide
towne of Lynne, yerely in the mundaie nexte after the feast of Pentecost, to
electe and chole of them selfe one wardeine of the saide crafte and mystery of
worstede weauers, to be of the value in landes and goodes as is aforesaide
of the wardeynes of yarmouth, whiche wardeine so electe, shulde yerely be
sworne and charged at the saide citee of Norwiche, in like maner and at lyke
day, as is before limited to the wardeines of yarmouth, or in defaute of the
saide maire of Norwiche, then the saide wardein so to be electe for the saide
towne of Lynne, to take a corporall othe before the maire of the saide towne,
within suche time, and after suche forme as is before limited vnto the saide
wardeine of yarmouth. And that the saide wardeine of the saide towne of
Lynne for the tyme beinge so electe and sworne by him selfe, mighte ordeine
and appoynt a seale with this letter, A, to be grauen in the seale, and might
haue full power and auctoritie, to viewe serche seale and seale, in leade, with
the same seale to be grauen, and with none other, all worstedes, sayes, and
stainynes, within the saide towne of Lynne and suburbes of the same, made
or to be made, and not els where, in as large and ample maner, as the saide
wardeine of the saide citee of Norwiche, and wardeine of the saide countie
of Norffolke, or any of them, had within the saide citee or countie, or other
wise myght do by auctoritie or vertue of the aforesaid acte, made in the saide
seuenth yere of kynge Edward the fourth, any thinge contained in the same
acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

Lynne.

Seale.

¶ And that no person inhabited within the saide towne of Lynne or sub-
barbes therof, shuld make any worstedes sayes or stainings within the same
towne, excepte he were Englishe borne, and had ben apprentice to the same
occupacion, and without he weaued therein suche proper marke, as shuld be
limited & appointed by the saide wardeins of the same towne of Lynne for
the tyme beinge, vpon peine of forfaiture therof to the kynge our soueraigne
lorde. And that euery wardeine of the saide towne, shuld lymitte distinct and
seuerall markes to euery of the saide worsted weauers of the same towne,
and the same markes by the saide wardeine to be registred in a booke.

Apprentice.

¶ And it was further enacted, that from the feast of saint Michaell thar-
chaungell then nexte folowynge, vnto suche tyme as the sayd towne of Lyn
shuld be inhabited with the said nombre of .x. householders of the said crafte
of worsted weauers, and alwaies after when the nombre of .x. householders
shulde happen to faile and not be inhabited in the said towne of Lynne, the
sayde wardeines of the saide citee of Norwiche and their successours, shulde

procure & cause one of them selues or one of the wardenes of the said crafte
of the said countie of Norffolke, personally to come & be euery .xxviii. daie
from and after thesaide feaste of saint Michaell the archaungell in and to
the saide towne of Lynne, or within .vi. daies nexte after euery suche .xxviii.
day, and there to continue and abide by so longe tyme, as he mighte serche
and seale all suche worstedes sayes and stampnes, made in the same towne
of Lynne, as then shulde be brought to hym to be sealed within the space of
one hole daie. And the saide inhabytautes of worstede weauers of the same
towne of Lynne beyng, shulde contente and paie to the saide wardenes of
Norwiche or Norf. whiche shulde so come to Lynne, in the said .xxviii. day,
or within the .vi. daies nexte after the .xxviii. day, for his costes and expen-
ces for euery tyme that he shoulde so come to Lynne, betwene the feastes of
saint Michaell the archaungell, and the Annunciacion of our lady sainte
Marie. iii. s. and for euery tyme that he shoulde so come to the saide towne
of Lynne, betwene the feast of the Annunciacion of our lady, and the feaste
of saint Michaell the archaungell. ii. s. And if the saide inhabitautes of
worstede weauers of the saide towne of Lynne dyd not contente and paie to
the saide wardeine, commynge to Lynne in fourme aforesaide, for his saide
costes and charges, the saide. iii. s. or. ii. s. as is aboue limited, than the
same inhabitautes shoulde forsaite and paie to the saide wardeine, or to
his executours for euery suche defaute of payment. xl. s. And if none of the
saide wardenes of Norwiche and Norf. come to the saide towne of Lynne,
for the cause aforesaide, in maner and fourme aboue remembred, that the
saide wardenes of the saide cite of Norwiche shoulde forsaite and paie to
the saide inhabitautes of Lynne of the saide misterye of worstede wea-
uers, for euery suche defaute. xl. s. for recompence of the penalltie and for
saytes, the saide wardenes of Norwiche or Norf. beyng therunto intituled
by that acte by his proper name, with this addicion, that is to saie, Vnius
gardianorum, or Nuper Vnius guardianorum, artis sue misterie textorum panni la-
nei vocat. worsted in ciuitate Norwici, vel com. Norff. as p truthe requireth, shuld
& might haue action of dette by writ byll or plainte in any competent or law-
full courte of this realme, against the inhabytautes of Lynne of the saide
mysterie for the time being, by their sondry proper names, and the said inha-
bitautes by their said names, with this addicion, Tortexorum panni lanei vo-
cat. worst. inhabitantes ville de Lynne, shulde & might haue lyke action of dette
against the saide wardenes of Norwiche, by the name of Gardiani artis sue
misterie textorum pannorum laneorum, vocat. worsted infra ciuitatem Norwici
vel com. Norff. to be vsed to good congruities of latyne, and fourme of the
lawes of this realme, in whiche actions or any of them, none essoine protec-
tion or wager of lawe shuld be suffered or allowed. And that the particular
bodies or goodes of any of the saide wardenes or inhabitautes, being con-
demned in any of the said actions, shulde and might be put in execucion, af-
ter suche maner and fourme, as is vsed in an action of dette by course of the
common lawe of this realme.

And

And moze ouer it is enacted, that all clothes of worstedes saies and stampes, made within any of the saide towne of Lynne and great yermouth or subburbes of the same, or any of them, and marked with suche markes, as shulde be limited to the markers, by the said wardens of the saide towne in maner and fourme as is aboue said, and viewed and sealed by any of the saide wardeines of the saide towne of Lynne and yermouth, in fourme remembred, by force and vertue of the saide acte mighte be lausfully put to sale by the owners and makers of the same, without any other markynge or sealyng upon the same clothes, or upon any of them to be had or made, of or upon any of the saide clothes, for lacke of any other seales or markes, any thyng conteyned in the said. vii. yere of kynge Edward the fourth to the contrary not withstandynge.

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And ouer this it was enacted, that euery craftes man of the said mistery and occupacion of worstede makynge, dwellynge within any of the saide towne of Lynne and yermouth, and subburbes of the same, at theyr owne free willes and liberties from thenforth for euer might haue and take apprentice or apprentices, beinge male of the age of. xviij. yeres and ywarde, and beyng the kynges naturall subiectes, for terme of. vii. yeres and not vnder, so that none of them excede the numbze of two at ones, to lerne vse and exercise the saide crafte within either of the saide two towne of Lynne and great yarmouth, and subburbes of the same: all be it the father of the said apprentice or apprentices myght not expende in landes or tenementes, to the yerely value of twentie shillinges: any acte or ordinaunce to the contrary made or to be made not withstandynge.

Prouided alwaie that the same acte, or any thinge therein conteyned, shoulde not in any wise be hurtfull or preiudiciall to the maire of Norwiche, or to his successour, or to the wardeines of the saide citie or countie, or to theyr successours, in any poynte or article power or auctoritie, other then for weayng, serchynge, and sealyng of worstedes saies and stampes, made or to be made onely within the saide towne of Lynne and yermouth, or subburbes of the same, or to any of them, and for limitynge of markes, to the makers of worstedes, saies, and stampes, onely inhabited in either of the saide towne or subburbes therof, and takinge of apprentices in forme aboue remembred: but that the saide maire of the saide citie of Norwiche, and wardens of the same citie and countie, and euery of them, might haue and vse all other poyntes, articles, powers, and auctorities conteyned and specified in the aboue remembred acte, made in the said. vii. yere of kynge Edward the fourth, as well for the serche sealyng correction and reformation of the saide wardeines, newly to be elected by the vertue of the same acte, and euery of them, accordynge and after suche fourme as they mighte do or vse any of the saide wardeynes of the saide citie or countie, by force of the saide acte, made in the saide. vii. yere of kynge Edward the iii. as all and euery other inquieries, corrections serches sealynges and reformacions to be hadde for the true makynge of worstedes, saies, and stampes,

myng, in and vpon any person or persones, as well within the saide towne of Lynne and yermouth, as without, without trouble lette or veracion of any of the inhabitauntes of the said towne, in as large and ample wise, as they might haue done before the makynge of the saide acte, any thyng con-
 teyned in the same acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

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 tes.

¶ And also it was further prouided and enacted, that the said craftes men of worsted weauers, inhabited, or after that to be inhabited within eyther of the saide towne of Lynne and yermouth or subburbes of the same, and the marchauntes, or any other person or persones, whiche shulde happen to by of the same craftes men, or any of them, or any other person, any of the said clothes of worstedes saies or stamins, made or to be made within either of the saide towne of Lynne and yermouth, and sealed by the saide wardens of the same towne, to be electe and sware, as is aforesaid, and any of them shuld not there die or put in colour, or kalender any worstedes stamines or sayes, made, or after that to be made within either of the saide towne of Lynne and yermouth, and subbarbes of the same, in any other place or places, but only within the saide cite of Norwiche, or subbarbes of the same, vpon peine of forfaiture of euery pece of worstedes saies or stamines, to be made within any of the saide towne of Lynne and yermouth, or subbarbes of the same, or the value therof, shorne, dyed, coloured, or kalendred by any of the saide craftes men, byers, or marchauntes, in any other place or places than in the saide cities of Norwiche, or subbarbes of the same. The one halfe therof to be to the king our soueraine lord, & the other halfe therof to such person or persones, as shulde lease the same, so that the saide worstedes brought to the saide cite of Norwiche to be shorne dyed colored and kalendred, without couyne or crafte of any of the saide inhabitauntes and marchauntes, might be shorne died coloured and kalendred at & by as con-
 uenient price or prices, & in as redy wise, as the saide inhabitauntes of ey-
 ther of the saide towne of Lynne and yermouth, and marchauntes byers of the saide worstedes, or other of the saide cite and countie, had had in tymes paste, or after that shulde haue. And also that the same inhabitauntes and marchauntes and euery of them so bringyng the saide worstedes to the same cite to be shorne died coloured and kalendred, were reasonably and laufully intreated accordynge to the saide acte, made in the saide. viii. yere of kynge Edward the.iiii. and the ordinance made and affirmed, or hereafter to be made and affirmed for the saide misterie, without let or disturbance, contra-
 ry to the same acte or ordinance in that behalfe.

¶ And it was further enacted, that no persone or persons, any tyme after that shulde conuey or transporte in to any of the parties of beyonde the sea, any maner of clothes of worstedes, before the same clothes were shorne, died coloured and kalendred, vpon peine of forfaiture the value therof: the one halfe to the kynge our soueraine lord, and the other halfe therof to the par-
 tie that will sue therfore, by action or plaint of det in any of the kynges cour-
 tes, in which action or suite no protection or essoine shuld be alowed, nor the
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defendour admitted to wage his lawe, as by the said acte therof made moze plainly appereth: whiche act was made to endure vnto the next parliament, wherby it is now expired. In consideration wherof, and for as much as the same act is a good & necessarie acte for the trewe makynge of worstedes, laies, and stamys, and very commodious & profitable for the increase of the saide townes of permouth and Lynne, be it therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, that the same acte, and euery article sentence and prouision therein conteined, shall from hensforthe be continued and stande for euer in full strength and vertue.

In acte that no fermours of spirituall persons shalbe cōpelled or charged to pay for theyr lessours first frutes or yerres pension for the tenth graunted to the kynges highnes. Cap. xvii.

In certain reasonable and vrgent considerations, mouynge the kynges most high courte of parliament, it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie of the same, that all and singular fermours and lessees of any manours, lordeshippes, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, personages, bycarages, porcions of tithes, or other what so euer profittes or commodities, belongynge to any archebischoppe, bisshoppe, or other prelate or spirituall personne or persons, or spirituall body corporate or politique, wherof any firste frutes or yerely pension of the tenth parte is graunted to the kynge our soueraigne lord in this present session of the saide courte of parliament, shall be discharged and not chargeable to pay to our said soueraigne lord of his or their proper money coste or charge, for or in discharge of the lessour or lessours, owner or owners of the same, by reason of any couenaunte, bargayne, bonde, condicion, clause of reentre, or other thyng heretofore made or concluded, but that euery of the saide lessours and owners, and their successours, shall bee charged and chargeable to pay and satisfie the same of his or their proper cost and charge, to the kynge our soueraigne lord, his heires and successours accordynge to the graunt therof: any couenaunt, bargayne, contracte, bonde, condicion, clause of reentre, or other thyng heretofore made or concluded to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstandinge.

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In acte concernynge the kynges generall and free pardon graunted by his highnes. Cap. xviii.

THE KYNGES MOSTE ROIALL maiestie prudently consyderynge, that all be it his highnes of his moste excellent pitie benignitie and mercy, manyfolde tymes heretofore mercifully and liberally hath graunted his moste gracious free and generall pardone, to all and singular his subiectes

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lectes; by the whiche his maiestie hath remitted and released innumerable and inestimable substance and profits; which he mought haue lawfully taken & had by the lawes and customes of this his realme, trustyng by his often remission pardone and mercy, ministered to his subiectes, to allure offenders from vice to vertue, and that they wold put theyr diligent deuotes to amend and reforme their abuses: yet neuertheles his louyng and obedient subiectes, sithens his last most gracious and libetall pardons to them graunted, haue incurred into innumerable penalties losses forfeitures and damages, wherof fewe or none of them are able to make full recompence or condigne satisfaction to his highnes, if his maiestie shulde procede agaynst them by due course of his lawes, trustyng that nowe from henceforthe they wylleffones amende and beware the incurrng of the foresaide dangers and perilles, seynge they haue had so many admonitions and gentill warnynges: And perceiuyng also the great zeale and affection, whiche his louyng subiectes beare vnto him and his dignitie royall, as by many waies in this present parliament they haue declared and shewed. In consideration wherof, and trustyng as afore, the kinges highnes to shew vnto his louyng subiectes, that he both can and wylle consider, when he is both kyndely and louyngly handled of them, vpon his mere motion, and to declare also his tender loue and affection, whiche he beareth vnto his nobilitie and subiectes, accordyng to his accustomed goodnes, is contented and pleased at this tyme to extende his pitie mercie and benignitie to all and singular his subiectes of this his realme of Englande, wales, the ples of Iernesey and Garmeley, Warwyke, and Caleis, and the marches of the same by way of his free pardon and remission, as hereafter foloweth, rather coueytinge their amendementes by gentyll, and mercifull meanes, then to be enriched by theyr euill dedes and offences. And for that his saide free pardone and remission to be had taken and enioyed to and by them and euery of them by vertue of this present acte, his grace is fully and resolutely contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, in maner and fourme folowynge, that is tosaie: that all and euery of his saide subiectes, as well spirituall as temporall of this his realme of Englande, wales, the said Iles of Iernesey, and Garmeley, Berwyke, & Caleis, and the marches of the same, the heires successours executors and admystratours of them and of euery of them, and all and singular bodies in any maner of wyle corporate, cities, boroughes, shires, riddinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tithynges, and of euery of them, and the successour and successours of euery of them, shalbe by auctoritie of this present parliament, acquitted, pardoned, released, and discharged agens the kynges highnes, his heires and successours and executors and euery of them, of all maner of felonies offences contemptes trespasses wronges deceiptes misdemeanours forfeitures penalties and profits, summes of money, peines of death, peines corporall and pecuniary, and generally of all other thynges, causes, quarels, suites, iudgementes, and executions

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cutions in this present acte hereafter not excepted nor forprised, which maie be or can be by his highnes in any wise or by any meane pardoned, before and vnto the thirde daie of the moneth of Nouember, in the xxvi. yere. of his most noble reigne, to euery or any of his said subiectes, bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, Shires, Riddinges, Hundredes, Lathes, rapes, wapentakes, Townes, villages, and tithinges, or to any of them.

¶ And also the kynges highnes is contēted, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliamēt, that his said free pardon shalbe as good and effectuell in the law to euery of his said subiectes, bodies corporate, and others before reherſed, & to euery of them by the said generall wordes before reherſed, in and ageinſte all thinges, whiche be not hereafter in this present act excepted, as the same pardon shuld haue ben, if all offences, contemptes, forfeitures, causes, matters, suites, quarels, iudgements, executions, penalties, and all other thinges not hereafter excepted, had ben particularly, singularly, specially, and plainly named reherſed and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes & names in their kindes natures & qualities, by wordes and termes therunto requisite, to haue ben put and expresse in this present acte of free pardon: And that his saide subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heires executors or adminitratours of any of them, nor any of the said bodies corporate and others before named, or any of them, be nor shall be sued vexed or inquieted, in their bodies goodes landes or cattalles for any matter matter, cause, contempte, misdoemenour, forfeiture, trespass, offence, or any other thyng suffred done or committed before the saide thirde daie of Nouember, agaynſt his highnes, his crowne, dignitie, prerogative, lawe or statutes: but onely for suche matters, causes, & offences, as be plainly reherſed in the excepcions in this present acte hereafter mencioned, and for none other: any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vse, or president, heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ Also the kynges highnes of his bounteous liberalitie, by auctoritie of this present parliament graunteth and freely giueth to euery of his saide subiectes, and to euery of the saide bodies corporate, and others before reherſed, and to euery of them, all suche goodes, cattals, dettes, fines, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forfeitures, and summes of money, by any of them forfeited, whiche to his highnes do or shulde belonge or appertayne by reason of any offence contempte trespass misdoemeanour matter cause or quarell, suffred done or committed by them or any of them, before the saide thirde daie of Nouember, whiche be not hereafter plainly forprised and excepted in this present acte. And that all and euery the kynges saide subiectes, and all and singular bodies corporate, and others before reherſed, maie by him or the selfe, or his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their attorney or attorneis, according to the lawes of this realme, pleade and minister this present act of free pardon for his or their discharge of and for euery thyng, that is by vertue of this present acte pardoned, discharged, giuen, or graunted, without any fee or other thyng in any wise payenge to any

to any person or persons for writyng or entree of any suche pleading of the said pardone, or for entree of the iudgement, or other cause concernyng suche plee, writyng, or entree, but onely .xii. s. to be payde to the officer or clerke that shall entre the plee matter or iudgement for the parties discharge in that behalfe, any statute or vse to the contrary notwithstanding.

And furthermore the kynges highnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that his said free pardon by the generall wordes before reherled, shall be reputed demed and iudged, allowed and taken in all maner courtes of his lawes, and elles where as well in the wordes and clauses of the excepcions & forpyses specified in this present acte, as in all and singular other clauses wordes and sentences, mencioned and reherled in the said free pardon, most beneficially and auaylably to all and singular his saide subiectes, bodies corporate, and others before reherled, and to euery of them, and most strongly in barre and discharge against his highnes, his heires, successours, and executours in euery thyng, without any obstacle, ambiguite, chalenge, or other delaie what so euer it shall be, to be made, pleaded, objected, or alleged by the kyng our soueraine lord, his heires, successours, or executours, or by his or any of their generall atturney or atturneys, or by any other person or persons for his highnes, or any of his heires, successours, or executours.

And furthermore it is enacted by the kyng our soueraine lord, and by auctoritie of this present parliament, that if any officer or clerke of any of his high courtes, commonly called the kynges benche, Chauncerie and common place, or of his eschequer, or any other officer or clerke of any other of his courtes within this realme, at any time after the feaste of Epiphanie of our lord god nexte comynng, make out or wryte out any maner wryttes or other proces, or any extreates commons or other preceptes, wherby any of the said subiectes, or any of the said bodies corporate, or other before reherled, or any of them, shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distreined, sommoned, or other wise vexed inquieted or greued, in his or their bodies, landes, teneimentes, goodes, or cattalles, or in any of them, for or bycause of any maner of thyng pardoned or discharged by vertue of this act of free pardon, he so offending, and therof lausfully condemned, shall yelde and paie for recompence therof to the partie so greued or offeuded, treble damages (accompted as parcell of these damages al costes of the suite). And neuer the les all and singular such wryttes, proces, extreates, and preceptes so to be made for or vpon any maner thyng pardoned or discharged by this presente acte of free pardon, shall be utterly boide and of none effecte.

Excepted alwaie, and forpysed out of the saide free pardon all maner of highe treasons, and misprisions of highe treasons, and all suites punishments forfaitures and penalties for or by reason or occasion of any of them, all prepenfed and voluntary murders, all robberies of churches, and robberies done vpon mens persons, all other felonies and robberies by the common lawe, of felonious takyng of any money goodes or cattalles aboue
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 the summe of value of. xx. s. all felonous burnyng of houses, all rauishmentes of women, and all and singular accessaries to any the saide murders, or murderers, felonies, robberies, brenninges, or rauishmentes, felons, robbers, brenners, and rauishers, all outlaries of high treasons, and of misprisions of high treasons, and all maner of felonies, other than felonies of the summe of value of twentie shillings, or vnder the same summe: and that all other outlaries had or promulged vpon or against any person or persons for any cause, not being treason, misprision of high treasons, murder, or felonie aboue the saide summe of twentie shillings, be and shall be pardoned by the generall wordes of this present acte of free pardon befoze written: so alwaies that the same persons and euery of them, stande to right to answer or satisfie the partie, at whose suite he is outlawed, according to the lawes of this realme.

Also excepted & forprised out of the said free pardon, all and singular conuictions & atteindours of any person and persons, now being or remayning in any conuicte prison, or in the custodie of any bishop, abbot, or other spirituall person or ordinary, & euery of the same persons so atteinted or couicted. And also all multipliers & nigromancers, multiplicaciōs, and nigramacies, and al suites impetitions proses and punishmentes for or vpon the same or any of them: And al titles, and actions of Quare impedit, and all rauishmentes of the kinges wardes, all wastes of the kynges woodes, and his forrestes parkes or chases, all conceilmentes of customes and subsidies.

And also excepted and forprised out of this pardon all inclosures and decaies of houses of husbandrie, made, done, committed, or permitted contrary to the forme or effecte of any statute or statutes heretofore made, and also all illues profits amerciamentes fines and other penalties, whiche hereafter shall growe or be forfeited for any suche inclosures or decaies, and all intrusions had made or done into any maners, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, sithen the feast of saint Michaell the Archangell, which was in the. xxv. yere of the kynges most noble reigne: And all and singular dettes, other then dettes growen vpon recognisances, being of the summe of fiftie poundes or vnder, and not aboue that summe, and being all redy forfeited for suretie, of the peace, or for apparance at any date or place.

And excepted and forprised out of this pardon all accomptes, and all actions suites and impetitions for the same accomptes, and arerages of accomptes, and for the said dettes or any of them hereby excepted or forprised: all homages and relifes not done or not paide: all wilfull escapes as well of conuictes as other prisoners: and all dettes, whiche were due to the most noble kyng of famous memorie kyng Henry the. vii. or to any persone or persons, to his vse, by any condemnation, recognisaunce, obligation, or otherwise: all and singular those forfeitures being due to our soueraine lord kyng Henry the. viii. by any penall statute or statutes, whiche be conuerted into the nature of dette by iudgement, or by agreement of the offenders, befoze the said thirde date of Nouember: and all forfeitures and other penal-

penalties and profittes growen or due by reason of any offence or acte, committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the common lawe, wherof any seisure is made, or any informacion is giuen in the kinges eschequer, or any suite there commenced, before the said third date of Nouember, or wherof the kinges highnes by his byll signed or otherwise, heretofore hath made any gifte or assignement to any of his seruantes.

And also excepted al issues forfeited, fines, amerciamentes, assayed, taxed, sette, extreated, or iudged seuerally, or particularlie, extending to the somme of a C. s. or aboue that summe, and that all and singular other fines, as well fines Pro licencia concordandi, as other, and all other issues and amerciamentes, as well reall as other, which seuerally or particularlie extende not to the saide summe of a hundred shillings, whether thei be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the shiriffe or not taken to his charge, extreated or not extreated: whether thei be tourned into or not in to det, and not being leuied nor receiued by any shiriffe or shiriffes, bailiffe, ministers, or other officers, shal be fully clerely and plainly pardoned and discharged against the king our soueraine lord, his heires and successours for ever by this present act of free pardon.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that in case it be objected to or against any shiriffe or shiriffes, or other accomptantes in the kynges courte of Eschequer, or in any other his courtes, that any shiriffe or shiriffes, or other officers accomptant, hath receiued or taken any suche fines, issues, or amerciamentes, by this present acte pardoned and acquitted, that then every suche shiriffe and shiriffes and other accomptantes, shal be discharged released pardoned and acquitted therof by his or their othe, without any further triall in that behalfe.

Provided alwaie, that this presente acte of free pardon, nor any thyng therein conteined, in any wise extende to discharge remit or acquite any persone or persones, for any suche issues, fines, and amerciamentes of one hundred shillings or vnder, as any shiriffe heretofore hath accompted before the barons of the kynges Eschequer or els where, and paide the same issues fines and amerciamentes vpon his or their saide accompte, determined to the kynges vse, and haue his or their Quierus est, for the same.

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ACTES MADE IN THE
session of this present parli-
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Westm, the. iiii. daie of februarye,
in the . xxvii . yere of the reygne
of our moste dread soueraygne lord
kyng HENRI the. VIII. and
there continued and kepte till
the. XIII. day of Aprill
next ensuing. To
the honour of
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